

WHAT DOES THE NRA DECISION MEAN?

The Drive of Employers to Lower Wages Must Be Met By a Militant Fight The Working Class to Raise Wages

The U. S. Supreme Court decision, declaring the National Industrial Recovery Act unconstitutional, sounds the signal for a new and intensified attack on the living standards of the American workers. By its decision the Supreme Court not only voids the making activities of the government, but puts an end to every effort at establishing minimum wage and maximum hour standards in fact that the federal government has no power to protect affecting working conditions.

NEW ATTACK ON LABOR

The real meaning of the Supreme Court decision is further indicated by Gen. Hugh Johnson, original strike-breaker-in-chief of the NRA, who writes in yesterday's N. Y. World-Telegram:

"I have no doubt that within 24 hours we shall see a process of predatory price-slashing, lengthening of hours, lowering of wage and loss of jobs."

For two years the NRA was utilized by the big banks and trusts to strengthen their grip of monopoly on the economic life of the country, to enormously increase profits and to attack labor.

A. F. OF L. CHIEFS AID ASSAULT

Behind a sniperscreen of noble phrases about "increased mass purchasing power," the right to organize, "driving the money-changers out of the temple," "a new order of things," etc., the offensive against labor was carried through.

In this the government was ably assisted by the top leadership of the A. F. of L., who hailed Section 7-a of the NRA as the "Magna Carta of Labor" and who were seconded by the right-wing "Old Guard" leaders of the Socialist Party. Thus the Greens, Hillmans, Lewises, and Dulinskys helped to demobilize the battalions of labor and to foist lower living standards on the workers.

REAL WAGES SLASHED

The "increased mass purchasing power" took shape in slight wage increases for some workers that were more than wiped out by an even greater increase in the cost of living (living costs have risen 16 per cent in the past two years, resulting in a REDUCTION of 8 per cent in the real wages of the workers.) The Negro masses, under the New Deal, suffered even worse attacks through increased discrimination. It took shape in the \$19 a month coiffe wage scale on public works.

"The right to organize" bore fruit in a 100 per cent increase, according to conservative figures, in the number of workers driven into company unions, in vicious discrimination against workers trying to organize into the legitimate trade unions, in the setting up under government supervision of disguised company unions such as the "works councils" in the automobile industry, in the anti-labor Weirton Steel decision, in acts of unparalleled strike-breaking terror against the San Francisco general strike, the textile general strike and other efforts of the workers to better their conditions.

HUGE CORPORATION PROFITS

Roosevelt drove the money-changers out of the temple by enthroning them more solidly than before through greatly increasing corporation profits, in many cases to 1929 levels. In the first six months of 1934 profits of 402 leading corporations, according to figures issued by Donald Richberg, were more than 600 per cent greater than in the corresponding period of 1933.

And Roosevelt's "new order of things" has meant a new lease to fascist tendencies all over the country.

The NRA has not been a failure as far as the big capitalists are concerned. It has achieved all its main objectives. The same reactionary forces that have dictated the Supreme Court decision, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Bankers Association, are the forces that two years ago dictated the original NRA.

HUGE STRIKE WAVE

In only one respect did the NRA fail the capitalist class. Its codes, labor boards and radical-phased demagoguery were designed to prevent the workers from fighting for their basic needs, designed to have labor and capital, in the words of Roosevelt, "move as one great team to victory"—for the capitalists.

Actually, however, the launching of the NRA was greeted in 1933-34 by the greatest strike wave this country has seen since 1919, reaching unprecedented heights in the San Francisco and Textile general strikes. Today the treacherous labor boards and Section 7-A stand exposed to millions of workers as strikebreaking instruments in the hands of the employers.

The NRA, which was the instrument by which the big Wall Street capitalists carried through their offensive against labor, has now become an obstacle in the way of further development of this offensive. Hence the decision to scrap the NRA.

This is practically admitted in an editorial in yesterday's New York Times.

TIMES LETS TRUTH OUT

"Cause for gratification," says the Times, "is that the judgement of the court came so long after the enactment of the law. Had it fallen near the time when the Nation was enthusiastic about NIRA it would have been bad both for the court and the country. The Recovery Act has done its work, the chief benefit of which was to stir the people into hopeful activity, and had come to be almost universally regarded as a piece of legislation now obsolete and ineffective. The judges simply pronounce to be dead a statute which the great mass of the people had already decided to be dead."

Let there be no illusions that the Roosevelt government is opposing the policies of Wall Street as expressed in the Supreme Court decision. There were and still are conflicts within the capitalist class as to the best methods of achieving their aims. But through Roosevelt, as well as through the Supreme Court, the dominant sections of the capitalist class speak and act.

DECISION UNANIMOUS

The fact that the Supreme Court verdict was unanimous, that so-called "liberals" like Brandeis, Cardozo and Stone joined in giving the signal to the capitalist wolves to discard their sheep's clothing, shows how united was the decision of the ruling Wall Street groups that the time had come to resort to new methods in attacking the living standards of the masses.

It would be naive to think that the government did not know in advance what the decision of the Supreme Court would be. On the contrary, the role of the administration and of the Supreme Court represents a division made necessary by the new tactics of the capitalist class. The fact that the Supreme Court waited until just before the NRA was scheduled to expire shows how completely both arms of the government are being used to wield the capitalist club against labor.

ONLY C. P. EXPOSED NRA

Only the Communist Party exposed the true character of the NRA and fought it from the start. At the time when the "Old

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SCHARRENBERG OUSTED BY 153-14 VOTE; CRONIES SHOULD FOLLOW

Hearst Boycott Plans Outlined At F.S.U. Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—A nation-wide boycott campaign against the Hearst press was outlined at a meeting of the Friends of the Soviet Union in the Whitcomb Hotel, Friday evening, May 31.

Theodore Bayer, National organizer of the F. S. U., outlined the plans for the boycott.

Following another meeting at the Whitcomb next Fri., June 7, at 8 p. m., the F. S. U. plans to open an office in San Francisco.

ANGER OF TWO ANTI-RED LAWS GOING THROUGH

LEGISLATION TANGLED

OVER TAXATION

PROGRAM

Budget Unbalanced

HALF AMOUNT NEEDED

FOR RELIEF IS NOT

PROVIDED

SCAB DISARMED BY PICKETS IN ORANGE STRIKE

4-DAY TRUCE REPORTED

IN EL CAJON ORANGE

GROVE STRUGGLE

EL CAJON, Calif., June 2.—A scab, Ceferino Holquin, was disarmed of a gun by pickets on the picket line of the orange pickers' strike here yesterday.

The San Diego "Morning Union" tried to use the incident to create public feeling against the strikers. Under the headline "Picket Arrested on Gun Charge" it reported that "Holquin, according to arresting officers, was one of the pickets."

The deputies may have said this to the Union reporter, but if they did it was plain, unadulterated lying. The pickets themselves disarmed Holquin and then turned him over to the deputies.

According to late reports the Union of Laborers and Field Workers and the Vegetable and Citrus Federal Union have met with Dr. Towne Nylander, regional labor board director, and agreed to a truce in their struggle with the Citrus Growers Association in El Cajon and the American Fruit Growers Association in La Mesa. The truce is to last until Wednesday morning, June 5, and another meeting with Nylander is scheduled for the day before.

L. A. JITNEY BUS FIGHT IS USED TO PROMOTE HUEY LONG

Editor of Kingfish Paper Gets Tie-Up
With Officials of Railwaymen's
Union in Lock-Out Struggle

LOS ANGELES, June 3.—The officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Workers have struck up a bargain with Robert Noble, local backer of Huey Long, whereby the locked-out striking street railway workers are used to circulate Noble's paper as "fares" on their bootleg jitney bus lines.

Operation has been switched to Soto street, where 30 to 35 jitneys, driven mostly by women, are run from Seventh street and Grand avenue to Whittier blvd. and Indiana ave. Failing to carry an initiative measure to institute jitney bus competition to the Los Angeles Railway Corporation, the Amalgamated officials are using this method to pacify the workers, while helping Noble in his efforts to build up Huey Long's particular brand of fascism.

No Fares.

No fares are charged the passengers, but each one must buy a copy of the paper at 5 cents, which cost the drivers ½ cent, thus giving the drivers 4½ cents

per passenger.

J. J. Morgan, secretary of the union, reported "plenty of business" while Noble seems satisfied with his ready-made crew of new-bos and his artificially created circulation.

Four Jailed.

Four men have been jailed for running jitney buses. "We're going to purposely leave K. E. Gregory, H. W. Leaverton, W. R. Korn and F. H. Corbin in jail," Morgan stated, "to make a test case."

He was vague, however, as to why street car men had to remain in jail, instead of being out on bail, in order to make it a "test case."

Silver, Larsen and McGovern Must Go Next

Notorious Labor Cheat is Booted Out of
Waterfront Union—Tom Mooney Hails
Action in Greeting from Prison

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Action of the Sailors' Union in expelling Scharrenberg is only the first step in cleaning out the reactionary machine which he headed. This was the sentiment expressed this morning by rank and file sailors on the waterfront.

"Larsen, Silver and McGovern are no different than their crony Scharrenberg," said one sailor, "and this drive is not going to stop until we've got rid of the whole treacherous mob of them."

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Paul Scharrenberg, one of the sell-out fakers of the General Strike, blatant war jingo and employers' tool who has long been a disgrace to organized labor in San Francisco, was booted out of the Sailors' Union at last night's membership meeting by an overwhelming vote of 153 to 14.

Frenzied efforts of the reactionary chairman, S. A. Silver, another of Scharrenberg's species, to block the action by delaying the vote or tripping it up with red tape, were squashed by the rank and file who demanded an immediate settlement of the issue.

Demands for the expulsion of the cheat have been pouring into the District office from other union locals up and down the coast which have voted asking for his resignation some time ago.

Against the opposition of Chairman Silver, a trial committee was elected a week ago to study the matter and bring back a report to be put to a vote of the membership. This was after Silver had ruled out a motion to suspend Scharrenberg for a period of 99 years.

Committee Recommended Expulsion.

Delegates from Seattle, Portland and San Pedro appeared before the committee presenting evidence against the faker and voicing demands of their local for his ousting. In its final report, the committee recommended, not just the 99 year suspension but outright expulsion.

Among the points cited against Scharrenberg in the committee report were:

Tanker Strike Cited.

The recent oil tanker strike called without adequate preparation and conducted in a sell-out manner by Scharrenberg. He called this strike illegally by action of the executive committee when he was well aware that such a move must be sanctioned by two-thirds vote of the membership.

Past efforts to seat delegates of the Blue Book (company) union in the Central Labor Council.

His recent jingo statement to the effect that he wished America could have a war with Japan because then the seamen would get everything they wanted.

The telegram he sent to Joseph Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, asking that he revoke the charter of Local 38-79 and turn it over to the Blue Book union.

Hide Out From Trial.

When asked to appear before the trial committee, Scharrenberg failed to show up, but sent a whining, ridiculous statement saying that he was being tried by Stalin in Moscow. He further said that the charges against him were taken specifically from the Communist press. He referred here to the fact that the WESTERN WORKER has been exposing his treachery and misleadership for years past.

Executive Board Standing.

Scharrenberg was the editor of the Seamen's Journal and a mem-

LUMBER UNIONS STOP SELL-OUT MOVE OF FAKER

STRIKERS ORGANIZE

RANK AND FILE

CONTROL

Talk General Strike

LONGSHOREMEN, FARMERS

TAKE SOLIDARITY

ACTION

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—A strike by the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union here has tied up about 40 lumber mills and jobber shops in the Bay area. The men walked out when long-drawn out negotiations with the bosses failed to produce anything besides more negotiations.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 3.—The attempted sellout of the lumber strike in Longview, Wash., has been mashed flat by the rank and file of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union. The proposed 40-hour week, 50c an hour sell-out agreement which Abe Muir, official of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union has been working for so tirelessly, has been repudiated throughout the entire Northwest.

It was not even brought on the floor of the convention held at Longview. Contrary to first reports spread by Muir and the capitalist press that the Longview Union Council had endorsed the phoney agreement, the Council voted exactly the opposite, not to endorse any proposals except the original demands of the workers for 75c an hour, the 30-hour week and union recognition.

Wanted to Be Dictator.

Muir told the council delegates they had no power, that the Northwest Council of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union was not yet chartered and therefore an illegal body, and he would make

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Cherry Pickers Defeat Pay Cut By Short Strike

LODI, Calif., June 3.—Local cherry pickers found most of the scabs who worked in recent strikes around Stockton were in hiding, when cherry pickers on a large ranch near here struck against wages of 20c an hour.

Only one worker on the ranch failed to join the walk-out against a cut from 30c an hour. Within a few hours the wages were put back at 30c and the workers returned to the job.

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

for the bosses to railroad working class organizers to the penitentiary on fake Criminal Syndicalism charges if we had a newspaper with enormous mass circulation reaching into every industry and worker's home.

The WESTERN WORKER does not have that circulation today. It's up to you to build toward such a goal. And we're not moving fast enough at the present time.

Conscious effort must be exerted by every Party member and every reader toward increasing circulation. This must be made an important part of every organizational activity.

Toward this end, the WESTERN WORKER is commencing a drive for 5500 new subs by next Labor Day, September 2. Two field representatives are going on tour to stimulate action in the drive. They are: Harry J. Collett (recently acquitted of C. S. charges in the Sacramento trial) and J. E. Snyder.

A special subscription price of \$100 for seven months is offered during the campaign.

Don't wait for a representative to appear in your locality. All sections must take up the question of increasing circulation immediately. Work out your own quotas and plan your own campaign. Wherever possible, appoint a special comrade to superintend the drive.

Further news of the drive will appear in every issue.

Use the subscription blank printed elsewhere in this issue.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

—about the present nationwide move for the formation of a Labor Party? How could a genuine Labor Party be organized in the United States and kept in the hands of the masses of the people?

What groups would be represented in the United Front that must go into the make-up of such a political organization? Where would the Communist Party be in such a movement? The Trade Unions? BEGINNING IN

THE NEXT ISSUE Lawrence Ross answers these questions, and many more, in a series of articles:

"Next Steps Toward a Labor Party"

Comrade Ross, organizer of the San Francisco Section of the Communist Party, and former editor of the WESTERN WORKER, makes a comprehensive survey of the need of a Labor Party in America and the steps that must be taken to build it.

OHIO STEEL STRIKE GROWS DESPITE EXTREME TERROR

100 Pickets Injured By Violence of the
Mill Owners — 9000 Now Out
False Truce Rumor Spread

CANTON, Ohio, June 1.—Workers from the Canton Stamping and Enameling Mill, numbering 450, joined the strike of more than 9000 steel mill workers here in a sympathetic action. And in the Republic Stamping and Enameling mill another 450 voted last night to strike, giving the Executive Committee of the local union power to immediately call them out.

In the Massillon Republic and Timken Bearing plants unexampled terrorization was used to intimidate workers voting on the strike issue last night to vote against it.

The number of pickets injured from attacks of police and company gangsters has now risen to more than 100, but despite the gun fire, clubbings and gas attacks, the mass picket lines continue strongly. Other methods of the bosses to try to break the strike which has tied up the Republic, Berger and other big plants in the area include the spreading of false rumors through the capitalist press that a truce has been reached. So far nothing of the sort has transpired, and unions issued a counter-statement calling

for continued militant mass picketing.

The Central Strike Committee has sent wires to all Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers lodges calling for support of the strike. These lodges are militant rank and file lodges which Mike Tighe, president of the Amalgamated Association has been attacking as "outlaws" in his efforts to prevent the strike and to keep down the A. A. membership. But the National Emergency Committee of the A. A., with which the rank and file lodges are affiliated, is giving leadership in the strike, and a Central Strike Committee, representing all struck mills, is conducting the struggle.

Los Angeles Workers Press Picnic, Sunday June 9th

TEN RIVER BOAT COMPANIES TO NEGOTIATE WITH UNIONS ON BARGEMEN'S GRIEVANCES

**Largest Company Struck When It Refuses
To Deal With Workers; 300 Out In
Struggle for Better Conditions**

STOCKTON, Calif., June 3.—Representatives of ten Sacramento River boat companies will meet here tomorrow to discuss the proposed agreement with the Bargemen's Union. They have already agreed to negotiate an agreement with Bargemen's I. L. A. Locals Number 38-101 and 38-40 on the union demands for an 8-hour day at \$4.00 and room and board; 85 cents an hour overtime for work performed, or 60 cents an hour overtime continuous while boats are running.

The river boat owners will meet with union officials immediately after their conference.

* **Biggest Line Struck.**

300 Bargemen are on strike against the "River Line Co.", the largest on the Sacramento River. This company, which consistently works its men 14, 16, 20 or even 24 hours a day for \$4.50 with room and board, and keeps them subject to call at all times, refuses to meet with the other boat owners, and refuses to meet with the unions. The other companies at present pay \$4.60 for a 10-hour day.

* **Company Prosperous.**

The "River Line" owns the largest boats on the river; the Delta Queen at present has in her cargo 8500 sacks of rice, besides thousands of cases of canned goods, and other cargo. The company is spending considerable money for new equipment and is remodeling one of its steamers into a diesel to cut down operating expenses. They chisel on the smaller companies by continually cutting rates, and have never been known to pay decent wages to the men whom they work from 12 to 20 hours per day.

Two of their boats, the "Fort of Stockton" and the "Fort Sutter" were used as National Guard headquarters during the maritime strike of last year. They are also accustomed to using their boats for hauling scabs.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—The Bargemen's strike on the "River Lines" ended today as the men went back to work assured that the company would not only meet with the other river boat companies in Stockton, but would also negotiate with the union on the demands of the workers.

Jobless Jottings

By the Boondogger

MORILL, SERA foreman on project 1F-148739, located at Garvey Ave., and Tyler Ave., El Monte, is brutally driving and firing the men under him when they do not speed up sufficient to suit his taste. "Simon Legree" Morill, what incident is the Andrews Real Estate firm giving you to cause you to speed up the men working on their property?

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ASSEMBLY BILL 2459

Looks for the pioneers who first settled California that the sponsors of Assembly Bill 2459 did not precede them, else they would have attempted to bar them at the borders as paupers, vagabonds, indigents, pauper hordes and persons likely to become public charges.

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HUNGRY HELL

What a shame the prisoners in Lincoln Heights are unable to view the flag of freedom—that waves so majestically from the roof of this hungry hell of a jail. Why has this been neglected? Can't our local patriotic, flag saluting organizations do something about this?

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TOOK THE WRONG WAY

At 11 a. m. today (27) an unidentified young man wearing the garb of a worker, took the wrong way out of depression and dived from the roof of the Civic Center Bldg. at Second and Broadway, to his death on the second floor.

At the same hour a large committee of SERA workers under the leadership of the P. W. U. L. were calling on Pilling at Relief Headquarters, presenting their demands. Fighting for the right to live.

Workers as individuals retreat but the working class at a unit marches on to a Workers' America, a WORKERS WORLD.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

WORKERS' MUD HUTS COLLAPSE IN EARTHQUAKE

**CATASTROPHE IN INDIA
SMASHES POVERTY
STRICKEN AREAS**

KARACHI, India, June 1.—Following in the wake of the earthquake which yesterday demolished cities over a one hundred mile area centering at Quetta, fire is now sweeping the ruins of Quetta to add to the destruction.

Driven by high winds of gale force, the flames are eating through the Main Bazaar section of the city according to latest reports, wiping out the little stocks of peasants and small artisans who make their pitiful living in this trading center. Of a city that two days ago had a population of 17,000, little remains.

SAN PEDRO I. S. U. LOCAL GETTING WISE TO FAKER

**RANK AND FILE REFUSE
PAY RAISE TO UNION
FAT BOYS**

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 3.—The meeting of the San Pedro local of the Marine Firemen's Union (ISU) on May 28 showed that the rank and file is strengthening its solidarity with other labor organizations and is conducting a struggle against the fakers, who are led by "Little Hitler" Friedl.

Friedl tried to hamstring the American Youth Congress by calling it a "communist" organization, but when rank and file showed that most of the San Pedro unions were in the Congress he was hushed, and the Firemen endorsed the Congress and elected two delegates.

* **Defend Frame-Up Victims.**

The most important move at his meeting was the setting up of a local Defense Committee for the victims of the Modesto dynamite frame-up. Three militant rank and file were elected and given power to conduct a real campaign.

Friedl proved himself a first rate liar in addition to everything else. He went to the Maritime Federation Convention in Seattle and voted a phony ticket from start to finish. When he got back he couldn't face his local with the truth, so he took Harry Bridge's proposed constitution and said that was the one he voted for. He was forced to double on his tracks, and the men are getting wise to his lying.

* **Forced to Apologize.**

At a previous meeting, when

Figures of the dead continue to grow from the 20,000 given yesterday as reports come from the stricken area. Of these only 200 are Europeans. The overwhelming majority of those killed are workers, who lived in mud huts adjoining each other that crashed in the earth quake, burying them alive.

Rescue work among these adobe ruins is practically impossible and it will be a long time before a real estimate of the extent of the casualty list can be established. As it is customary in previous catastrophes of the past, the white bosses will not bother with removal of the bodies of a large number, leaving the dead buried under the dirt of their own hovels. Surviving workers and native troops, however, are working feverishly to exhume the bodies of their friends.

The earthquake is one of the worst of recent times. All villages and towns within a 100-mile radius of Quetta are reported leveled, including the towns of Mastung and Kalat, capital of Beluchistan. In Mastung, at least 33,000 of the 40,000 population are known to be dead.

Added terror is being felt by the natives that survivors in the arid outlying mountain districts will be cut off from their water supply, broken by the quake. In the cities jackals from the surrounding hills are adding to the terror of the injured.

The local together with the Sailors' Union voted down any increases in pay for the local officials. Friedl was heard to remark that the Sailors' Union was a "bunch of unprincipled union men," and that his own local had "52 links in it," meaning the 52 union men who voted down the pay raise. He was forced to apologize for this.

MAY DAY PARADES REVEALED SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH

**Moscow Sees Only Small Part of Tanks,
Airplanes Ready to Defend Soviet
Union from Foreign Invasion**

MOSCOW, June 3.—The secret military pact between Germany and Japan, which has not been officially acknowledged, but is known to exist, is directed at the Soviet Union. The steady preparation for war, and the campaign to bring about a "crusade" against Communism, have forced the Soviet government to make ample preparations to resist any attack against the Soviet Union.

What these preparations were, was well-illustrated by the speech of Tukhachevsky at the Congress of the Soviets in February, revealing the increase in the army in about two years from 560,000 to 940,000 men, with a still greater increase in tanks, airplanes, artillery, and other equipment.

* **800 Tanks in Moscow.**

Still more clearly was the might of the Soviet Union displayed in the May Day parade in Moscow. The capitalist papers carried the story that up to 800 tanks, and about the same number of airplanes took part in the parade. Foreign diplomats and military attaches were properly impressed.

But what the press noticed in Moscow was only a small fraction of the armed might of the Soviet Union. Contrary to ideas prevalent in other countries, the Moscow parade is not a dress-up affair in which military strength is imported from other provinces to make an impressive display.

* **Parade in Minsk.**

In every large city parade comparing favorably with Moscow were held. In Leningrad, the parade of a million and a half workers was preceded by 400 tanks, and 350 airplanes. The same number of tanks and planes paraded in Minsk, on the Polish border.

600 tanks, and 300 planes were on display in Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine. This city, which suffered so terribly from German, Polish and White Guard invasions, is determined that it will not be ravaged by the minions of fascism. Slusk, another town on the western border which is so small that we never heard of it before, greeted a parade of 300 tanks.

* **In the Ukraine.**

Other cities in the Ukraine had smaller displays. Kharkov saw 200 tanks parade past the reviewing stand while 170 planes flew overhead. Odessa watched 100 tanks pass the reviewing stand. Rostov and Yemitsa and Zhitomir each saw a hundred tanks in the parade.

In the far east Japan was given notice to keep its nose out of the Soviet garden patch, by 800 airplanes flying over May Day

parades in various cities. The list could be kept up, but you get the idea. The Soviet Union is not the weak, ineffectual pre-war Russia. It wants peace, but other countries want to expand at its expense and it is ready for them. And any nation that starts anything, as Voroshilov said over a year ago, will find it is fighting, not on Soviet territory, but on its own land.

PROFESSIONAL GROUP IN S. F. HOLDS MEETING

**NEED OF CO-OPERATION
WITH WORKERS SHOWN
BY SPEAKERS**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—More than 200 doctors, lawyers, writers, and other professionals met last night at the Women's City Club to organize a unit of the Inter-Professional Association. Dr. T. Addis, chairman of the meeting, announced the purpose of this organization is to unite the professional groups of the country.

* **Fight Insecurity.**

Elia Winter, Carmel writer, in the keynote talk, stressed the fact that the salvation of the group lay in their own organized action, that they could no longer look to others to do the work. She maintained that the insecurity facing the professionals could be overcome only by their cooperation with the workers in aiming for a socialist society where "we can step out of this continual savage, brutal struggle for bread and really begin to live like human beings."

* **Fake Organizations.**

The California Teachers' Association was severely condemned for not having protested the passage of the "teacher's oath" and other bills curbing their academic freedom. The National Educational Association was exposed when it was brought out that its official don was represented on the National Chamber of Commerce.

S. F. BAKERS' HURRIED VOTE STOPS STRIKE

**HIGH-PRESSURE WORK OF
UNION FAKERS SPLITS
RANK AND FILE**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—At a hurried meeting, called by word of mouth at the behest of the officials of Bakers' Local No. 24, a vote on the proposed June 1 strike was taken, Wednesday, May 29. Under the rules of the union a strike may not be called without a three-fourths vote of the local membership; and only after another like vote has been taken among those members who would be involved.

* **Meeting Not Authorized.**

The May 29th meeting, not authorized by the membership and evidently called hurriedly to clinch the arbitration maneuvers, permitted only the members who work in the following plants to vote on the question of striking: Continental-Hostess Cake Shop, Homestead-Lancendoni Cake Shop, Torino, London, Safeway, Lammore, Peerless, Phillips, and other small shops.

* **MajORITY Say Strike.**

The vote was 170 against striking, 35 for.

The other members of the local who work in retail shops or are unemployed were not allowed to vote. The union officials thus cleverly made themselves an opportunity to raise gross hostility to each other in the local, which will help put over the arbitration sell-out.

Before the vote, Mr. Joseph P. Meyers, the Federal Labor mediator who was sent in response to a wire to Washington from the California Bakers' Association, the employers' organization, addressed the local and told them the "best thing you can do is arbitrate."

Contrary to reports in the capitalist papers, no vote was made to arbitrate. A resolution to arbitrate was read, but not acted upon.

San Francisco Bakers' Local Number 24 will hold a special meeting, Saturday, June 8, to consider the next step to be taken, now that the local has been maneuvered into a vote against striking for its demands. Whether to continue the present negotiations with the bosses or not will be the main issue.

It is likely that union officials will again attempt to persuade the membership to accept the arbitration proposal already rejected.

SALES TAX IN 23 STATES IS BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY, WEALTHY PAY SMALLEST SHARE

**Campaign to Make Sales Tax the Chief
Money-Raising Method Is Attempt
To Cut High Income Taxes.**

NEW YORK, June 2.—Already in 23 states a sales tax has put the burden of taxation for unemployment relief or for emergency school funds on the masses of workers and small consumers rather than upon the well-to-do. In seven other states sales tax bills have been introduced and are now pending before the legislatures.

DEMAND PROBE IN KIDNAPING OF BILL GHRE

**CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
CALLS FOR GRAND JURY
ACTION ON ATTACK**

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Specific investigation of the Fascist attack on William Ghre, director of "Till the Day I Die" play showing at the Hollywood Playhouse, has been requested of George Rochester, foreman of the Grand Jury, by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Similar requests for surveys of Fascist activities have been made of Assistant City Attorney Newton J. Kendall and Assemblyman Paul Ritchie of San Diego by the A. C. L. U.

At the same time the A. C. L. U. has asked for a Grand Jury investigation into the activities of the Hollywood Hussars and the Light Horse, two private military organizations. The former is headed by Victor McLaglen and the latter by Gary Cooper, both film stars.

The A. C. L. U. branded both as "un-American and Fascist." These two organizations, together with the Friends of New Germany were listed as subjects for a general investigation of Fascist operations in connection with the beating and kidnaping of Ghre.

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New York is among the states where a general bill is pending, while New York City continues its basic tax of 2 per cent, with higher percentages on purchases costing less than a dollar. It is especially significant that in three of the richest industrial states—Illinois, Michigan and California—food as well as other commodities are taxed when sold, but there is no state income tax to put the burden of emergency relief on those best able to carry it.

* **Small Consumer Pays More.**

In a number of states, including Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and North Carolina, a graduated tax means that the small consumer, buying less than a dollar's worth of goods, must pay relatively much more than the consumer who can buy in large quantities. In West Virginia, for example, the tax on a recent can of beans is 16.23%.

How this type of tax falls heavily on the smaller consumer has been shown conclusively in a table prepared by Business Week (quoted by Mable L. Walker in Where the Sales Tax Falls). The worker, in order to keep himself and his family alive, has to spend a larger proportion of his income on consumers' goods. It has been estimated that if the sales tax is 2 per cent it takes \$5.18 from the \$1000-a-year income of a worker, but only 10c per \$1000 from the million dollar income.

* **Food Tax.**

If food is included in the taxation, the situation is still worse for the worker and small consumer. According to the Business Week estimate, the burden of a sales tax that includes food is 10 times heavier on each dollar of the worker's wages than on each dollar of the multi-millionaire's income.

The sales tax idea as a substitute for other taxation is spreading rapidly in the United States. Predicting that every state would soon be collecting a sales tax, Mark Graves, New York State Tax Commissioner, urges a general sales tax for the whole country "at a rate sufficiently high to permit the repeal of all Federal and State business tax laws." (New York Times, March 1, 1935). He does not point out, however, that such taxation is, in effect, an "upside-down income tax," based upon inability to resist rather than upon ability to pay.

CCC CAMP FOOD WRECKS HEALTH OF SERA YOUTH

**"YOU'VE HAD THE WORST
FOOD," CHARITY DR.
TELLS BOY**

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 29.—My next door neighbor was refused for work relief by the SERA because he had a son, 17 years old, who the officials said could go to the CCC camp and send in \$25 a month for the upkeep of the family. The boy went to the camp, but after a few weeks when his father wrote to him, he answered back that he wanted to come back since he was awfully sick.

* **Terrible Looking Face.**

The boy came home and he had acquired a terrible looking face. It was all puffed up with big bumps, something like boils. He went to the County Hospital on Saturday and they told him to come back on the following Monday. The poor boy was almost crazy with the pain of his affliction. He said to his mother that if he saw the same condition on some other boy's face he would suspect him of having caught a "social" disease, but that it wasn't the case with him.

* **The Worst Food.**

When he finally was examined at the County Hospital, the doctor said: "My boy, you have had the worst food, for enough time to destroy your kidneys, so now you will have to follow a very strict diet if you hope to get better."

This boy was forced to go to the CCC camp since they told him that by doing so he would be helping to support his parents. Now his parents are faced with the problem of keeping him on a strict diet of food which their budget will practically not allow.

From The Worker Correspondents

FARM STRIKES MEET EFFORT TO LOWER PAY

**AGRICULTURAL UNIONS
FORMING IN
VALLEY**

By a Worker Correspondent.

LINDSAY, Calif., June 3.—A contractor by the name of John Vallee who has only paid 4 cents per box for picking oranges, was forced to go up to 5 cents per box last Monday when the pickers struck.

And again, Wednesday, May 25, we started to pick for 4 cents, but the pickers wanted 5 cents. The contractor promised 4 1/2 cents. But most of the pickers walked out.

* **Cotton Fields.**

When the cotton chopping first started around Friday the farmers were only offering 75c per acre. But as soon as the workers got together and organized a wage conference the farmers increased the price of cotton chopping up to \$1 and \$1.25 per acre.

Around Tulare, in places where the workers have struck, the price has come up to \$1.50 per acre and 20 cents to 25 cents an hour.

* **Weakly Organized.**

So far all this has been weakly organized and on a small scale. In order to win further and more permanent increases in wages to meet the continuous rising cost of living, the agricultural workers must organize into a Union.

In Porterville the workers have already organized an A. F. of L. union (they got a charter from the A. F. of L.). The name of the union is the Agricultural Workers' Union. Preparations are going on in other towns of the San Joaquin Valley to organize local A. F. of L. unions.

Unemployed Clubs Attacked As "Red" By Fascist Paper

By a Worker Correspondent.

SANTA ANA, Calif., June 3.—"Peanut Hitler" Martin, publisher of the "Costa Mesa Globe," attacked the Costa Mesa Public Works and Unemployed Workers' Club in his sheet last week. He published the names of fourteen leading members who had signed a petition to put the Communist Party on the ballot. To top it off Martin then "revealed" to the Sheriff that a colored card containing a white skull and cross-bones with the word "death" across it in typeset letters had been tossed into his front yard.

* **Workers Not Frightened.**

Ku Klux Klan warnings were sent to worker members of the club. Apparently Martin and the local Fascists thought they were dealing with a lot of timid yaps who could be frightened by night-shirts.

The Costa Mesa Club organized a big meeting. David Price, Los Angeles organizer of the P. W. U. L. came down to speak on the new Roosevelt Work Relief Plan. Over 100 turned out for the meeting, many travelling as far as 25 miles.

* **Results of Struggle.**

Price exposed the reason for the wild attack, pointing out that over \$4,000,000 additional relief has been won by P. W. U. L. organizations locally and in Los Angeles County. John Leach of the Communist Party derided the red-baiting tactics of the Fascists and explained the role of the Communist Party in the struggle for a decent standard of living.

Not a Kluxer showed his face at the meeting.

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BAKERSFIELD WORKERS CARRY S.E.R.A. FIGHT TO SUPERVISORS

**Bosses Prevent Former Cotton Striker
From Getting Aid; Workers Demand
Help from County Board**

By a Workers Correspondent.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., June 3.—J. P. Hart of Arvin, Calif., appeared before the Board of Supervisors to protest the discrimination shown to him and other workers of Arvin by the officials of the SERA.

Supervisor Stanley Abel acted as chairman, since Supervisor Woolumes, the regular chairman, is in the "supervisors' boarding house," the County Hospital. A worker, sick in the hospital, was moved out of his room to a cot in the hall, so Mr. Woolumes could have his room. Mr. Woolumes weighs 250 pounds, and next to Supervisor Abel is the largest hog in Kern County. He's lying in the county hospital with special nurses and special doctors at his beck and call.

If it were a worker he wouldn't see a doctor or nurse if he stayed in that slaughter house a year.

* **Discriminate Against Striker.**

Mr. Hart, a worker, cannot get work on the SERA because he went on strike during the cotton pickers' strike. The big cotton bosses will not let their SERA flunkies give him or his wife and five children any aid.

Supervisor Abel said this County has nothing to say about the SERA, as the Federal Government is supplying all the money, which is a Hearst lie.

All good jobs here on the SERA are given to the bosses' stool pigeons, who in turn discriminate against the workers. It is reported in Kern County that Mr. Nickel of the SERA has been in the employ of Hearst as a strike-breaker and scab for years.

* **Phoney Speech.**

Supervisor Wimmer tried to get back in the good graces of the workers by saying too many rich people were being brought here from Los Angeles and given fat jobs on the SERA.

When Wimmer was a contractor at Taft, Calif., he worked his men fifteen hours per day, and then

beat them out of their wages. As supervisor he makes \$300 a month. And he will not send his 85-year-old mother in Los Angeles a dime. She is on the welfare department. So what can the workers expect from this kind of a supervisor?

Workers we request that you appear before the Board of Supervisors at 10 o'clock every Monday morning, Bakersfield court house. We have decided to make this place the public forum to protest terrorism and discrimination.

Hearst Newsboys Strike Against Fifty Cents Pay

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Newsboys selling William Randolph Hearst's Washington paper, the Herald, have gone on a strike against wages as low as 50 cents a night.

Apparently they forgot to read what Hearst printed in his paper, that cooperation between employer and employee, meaning acceptance of the 50 cents paid them, would solve all their problems.

Interprofessional Association Forms San Diego Chapter

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 28.—A local chapter of the Interprofessional Association is being formed in San Diego. A preliminary meeting was held at the Worcester School, May 27.

Daisy Lee Worcester, is leading the local efforts to organize, at the suggestion of Mary Van Kleeck, of the Russell Sage Foundation of New York. At last night's meeting many architects, engineers, doctors and lawyers were present, as well as many representatives of organized labor.

The Interprofessional Association is making an effort to secure adequate social insurance for the millions of unemployed in America and because of this is backing the only bill before Congress which would actually help these millions, the Lundeen Bill, H. R. 2827, "The Workers' Unemployment, Old-Age and Social Insurance Bill."

Ford Workers Are Laid Off

DETROIT, Mich., June 3.—Ford workers have uncovered the nigger in the wood pile. When Ford announced that minimum wages would be increased, it was published in every paper in the country. But when the next pay check came along, Ford workers were told not to come to work again for five days.

This is taken by Ford workers to mean that the period of intensive production is over, and they can expect only intermittent work from now on. They are quite bitter over the treachery, as they had been promised work for another four months, and were urged to buy cars on the strength of continued employment.

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East of the Rockies

N. Y. Women Act to Cut Meat Cost.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The consumers' strike against the high price of meat, which has gripped all Harlem, has spread to the midtown Manhattan area. Picket lines representing the United Council of Working Class Women, paraded in front of butcher shops demanding the price of native beef be cut to 19 cents a pound. Packers' representatives failed to show up at a meeting arranged with a committee chosen by the strikers.

National Guardsmen Protect Scabs.

PICHER, Okla., June 2.—National guardsmen have been called out to protect scabs who are moving ore in the Tri-state lead and zinc mine strike here. The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers is leading the strike, which the state government is doing its best to break up.

Pa. Labor Convention Raps Jim-Crowism.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 2.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, at its 34th annual convention, passed a resolution calling for the elimination of clauses in constitutions of affiliated unions which contain discrimination against Negro laborers.

The resolution also called for the immediate merging of all Jim Crow locals with existing white locals in those trades, for equal rights for all Negroes in all unions, including the right to hold office, and for the rallying of the membership of organized labor against the provisions of the NRA which discriminate against Negroes.

Dress Makers Strike Against Wage Cut.

ATLANTA, Georgia, June 2.—Determined to resist the wage slashing campaign now under way, employees of the princess Mann manufacturing Company went on strike when the employer cut the piece rate pay from \$1.80 to \$1.50 a dozen for dresses. The strikers are members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Bail Hearing Set In Scottsboro Case.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Hearing on petitions for bail for two of the Scottsboro boys, Willie Rector and Olen Montgomery, has been set for the first week in July, the International Labor Defense announced. The state has announced it will oppose the Scottsboro boys fight for freedom, although the are not even under indictment, following the Supreme Court decision which reversed death sentences of two of the victims of this frameup.

American Living Standard Slumps In Year.

CHICAGO, June 2.—Direct proof of the drastic slump in the standard of living of the American people was furnished by the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, which reported that inability of increasing numbers of people to buy butter was causing them to increase the use of butter substitutes. In the seventh Federal Reserve District, sales of butter dropped 1 1/2% in a year. At the same time the output of meat from packing houses was cut one-fourth.

3000 MASS AT UNITED YOUTH RALLY IN L.A.

REFUSAL OF PERMIT FOR PARADE FAILS TO BAN ENTHUSIASM

LOS ANGELES, May 30.—More than 3000 crowded into the Plaza today in the night-time celebration this city has ever witnessed. Police and the city council, in refusing to permit parading and speeches at Pershing Square, only served to redouble the determination of the youth for a huge antiwar demonstration on Memorial Day.

Youth from the Epic, Utopian, Communist, Socialist and a dozen other movements filled the streets around the loud-speakers and shouted slogans of unity and song songs.

John Despot of the Young Epics, was chairman of the Plaza meeting. Speakers included: Selma Mattin, American League Against War and Fascism; W. W. Lyon, Western Mechanics Industrial Union; Y. A. Jones, Pasadena Young Epics League; Leon Salter, Young Epics; Howard Rosen, Young Peoples' Socialist League; Kelly Lyon, First Universalist Church; Lou Rosser, Young Men's Professional League; Matt Pellman, Young Communist League; and Walter Truchard, Seamen's Union of the Pacific.

Three Jailed In Los Angeles Youth Day Preliminaries

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Three young people were arrested today by police and were charged with violation of the city's sign posting ordinance.

The three, Seymour D. Bronson, 19, Charles Rossie, 17, and his sister Frances, 18, were allegedly attempting to stencil "United Youth Day" advertising on side walks at Seventh and Los Angeles streets. Police claim they had a stencil bearing the words "May 30—United Youth Day" in their possession when arrested.

Police also claimed they had a "confession" from the trio that they had painted similar signs earlier today in front of the University of California and Hollywood High School.

The three youth are being held by juvenile authorities.

Prisoners Stole To Feed Families, Warden Confesses

Leavenworth, Kansas, May 31.—Warden Stubbfield of the state penitentiary here is not deceiving himself as to the cause of overcrowding here. When asked why there were 1972 prisoners, the largest total in 71 years, packed in the jail, he answered that most of the new arrivals were "deserters" men who have fled against society by stealing food for their families. He did not say if any were imprisoned for organizing workers to obtain food for their families.

Chinese Soviet Army Grows

CHINESE BRING NEW RED ARMY INTO SZECHWAN

100,000 MEN RECRUITED IN RECENT MONTHS GO INTO ACTION

SHANGHAI, May 31.—A new section of the Chinese Red Army, 100,000 strong and composed mainly of new men recruited since the recent victories of the Red Army, is now approaching Chengtu, capital of Szechwan province, from the west.

Already from the north the Red Army commanded by Comrade Hsu Hsiangshien, is consolidating the Soviet territory in the north and is close to the capital despite attacks from the Kuo Min Tang base at the Yangtze River port of Chungking. From the South and East two Red Armies of Chu Teh and Mao Tse-tung, and of Hsiao Kih are advancing closer upon the capital.

The route of the new army lay through the south and western part of Szechwan, where it was recruited, and then through Sikang province.

* Consolidate Soviets *

How soon the expected attack on the capital city, Chengtu, will begin, is not known, but in the meantime all reports indicate that much concentration is being given to fully consolidating the Soviet territory which now comprises the largest part of the province.

In the north and east Chinese provinces, the anti-Japanese movement is growing daily. At present 200,000 armed partisan rebels are marching on the capital of Jehol, Shencheng, to occupy it, and already several battles have been fought between this army and Japanese-Manchurian armies. Re-education of the peasants is equally high against the Japanese and the Nanking government, as a result of the latter's betrayal of five provinces to the Japanese and their reduction of whole provinces to starvation.

* Primitive Weapons *

The army of peasants are armed with spears, rifles and whatever weapons they can get, and carry emblems saying "There is nothing to eat" and "Save China from the rule of landowners and bought officials." Because these revolutionary peasant societies are spread strongly throughout the northern provinces, only very big detachments of Japanese and Manchurian troops dare enter the villages.

It is this movement which has brought forth the protests of the past few days against the anti-

Korean Revolutionist Captured By Japanese Officers



JAPAN is having difficulty maintaining its rule in Korea, let alone Manchuria. This youth was captured after throwing a bomb at Japanese officers sent to help exploit Korea. He was later tortured to death in prison.

Department Store Sales Volume Off

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Figures released by the Federal Reserve Board indicate a decrease in the volume of goods sold by department stores in the first four months of this year as compared with a year ago.

While value of sales was 3 per cent larger for January-April, as compared with 1934, the increase in prices over the past year was far more than this, indicating an actual drop in the amount of goods sold.

The Federal Reserve Board's index of department store sales (which takes account of seasonal changes) fell from 82 in March to 74 in April.

Japanese sentiment, and the threat of Japan to march in to occupy (according to plans formulated in January) Inner Mongolia and the provinces of Shantung, Shansi and Hebei and spread "Manchukuo" to include them and put "Emperor" Kang Teh of Manchukuo on the long since deceased "Ancient Dragon Throne" at Peking.

Kanju Kato Due To Arrive From Japan on June 4

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—Kanju Kato, Japan's best known labor leader and chairman of the Japan Federation of Labor is en route to the United States on the Japanese liner Hikawamura and is scheduled to arrive in Seattle on June 4.

Mr. Kato will address meetings in leading cities of the Pacific Coast as well as in the East under the sponsorship of joint local committees formed by trade unions and the Methodist Federation for Social Service in each city. Following a meeting and reception in Seattle, Mr. Kato will proceed to Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles where he is expected to address meetings.

Arrangements are being made by the San Francisco committee for Mr. Kato to address meetings in surrounding cities from June 10 to 15. He is expected to stop in Phoenix and Salt Lake City.

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ADmits STRIKE IS REAL ISSUE IN C. S. TRIAL

KELSO DEFENSE RALLIES STRIKING LUMBER WORKERS

KELSO, Wash., June 3.—A box full of pamphlets and periodicals, all seized in a raid on the Kelso Workers' Book Shop last July, were introduced in the Criminal Syndicalism trial here. The prosecution has tried to limit the case to literature alone, the sale of which is supposed to be a crime.

* Strikers on Jury.

A jury which included two striking sawmill workers has already acquitted Max Farrar, one of the defendants. The other defendant, Arne Pfeiffer, quite likely will be freed.

The workers of this lumber town, ruled by Long-Bell and Weyerhaeuser, have brought out the real issues of the trial which are the maritime strike of last year and the right to organize unemployed in support of the strikers. They are filling the court room in answer to an Open Let-

Foreign News Briefs

Mussolini Prepares Million Men for War.

ROME, Italy, June 3.—It is reported that additional classes have been called to colors by Mussolini. More than one million men are expected to be in arms by June. They have not all been called out because of the expected invasion of Ethiopia, but partly because Mussolini regards the war danger in Europe as so great that he is massing his armies in preparation for any eventuality.

German College Graduates Gray-Beards.

BERLIN, June 1.—The German student can be expected to start his studies in college, (those who still go to college) at the age when the American student is graduating. This situation is result of Nazi policies which require a year of labor service and a year of army service. Then the first year in a university must be devoted to "racial biology" and National Socialist dogma, according to orders issued by the Nazi Minister of Education. After these three years, the college course begins.

Workers' Press Grows Rapidly.

LONDON, June 2.—The workers' newspapers of England and France are competing to see which can increase its circulation fastest. The London Daily Worker, which has increased its circulation by more than 50 per cent, is ready to double its regular size from four to eight pages daily.

L'Humanite, organ of the Communist Party in France, has a regular daily sale of 220,000 copies. On the three days of the municipal election, 800,400 copies were sold.

Nazis Prepare for New Blood Purge.

BERLIN, June 2.—Manned by the growing wave of strikes, the Hitler regime is encouraging anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic feeling to divert the public from venting its dissatisfaction in a fight against fascism. Mass arrests as a preliminary to a new blood "purge" have already occurred. Minister of Justice Franke said in a speech in Dresden recently, "If any of the old officials do not like the present condition of the government apparatus, they must disappear."

Soviet Industries Report New Records.

MOSCOW, June 2.—Industrial activity has reached the highest level in Soviet history. The plan for the production of locomotives was overfulfilled for the first four months of this year. 532 new locomotives, more than a third of the year's plan, were completed. At the same time farm work will be made easier by the production of 8,765 combined harvesters and threshers. This is about the same number as was turned out in the whole of 1934.

ter to Organized Labor, signed by fifteen prominent Washington trade unionists, calling upon union men to support Farrar and Pfeiffer.

* "Communist Literature" *

Irvin Goodman, defense attorney, compelled the state to admit the real cause for the raids when he drew from former prosecutor Hallin the statement that, "We were having a lot of trouble with the strike last summer, and wanted to stop the flood of Communist literature that was covering the county."

Goodman read from the Daily Workers, introduced by the prosecution, several articles and editorials dated last July when the two San Francisco workers were murdered and the general strike was looming, and when four Portland pickets were shot by police. The editorials called for a wide strike movement against the use of troops and police terror.

Deportation Bill Now In House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The House Committee on Immigration has reported favorably on the Dies Bill H. R. 7120. This measure is substantially the same as the Dies Bill which was passed by the House in 1932, and then defeated in the Senate due to the public protest aroused against it. The present measure includes "fascists" among those who would be deported, but in reality it is itself a fascist measure, intended to destroy the democratic rights of the American people.

* Destroys Rights *

Under the provisions of this bill any non-citizens who advocated the overthrow of the United States Government or any other organized government would be subject to deportation. Under the terms "damage or injury to property" non-citizen workers who go on strike could be interpreted as being Communists and be subject to deportation. This measure would destroy what few rights remain to non-citizens to join organizations or discuss political or economic questions. Powerful interests are working for the passage of this measure.

* Danger of Railroadings *

There is danger that the measure may be passed by the use of the tactics used in 1932 when Samuel Dickstein moved for a suspension of the rules to rush through the House the Dies Bill of that year. Organizations and individuals are urged to rush protests against the passage of this bill.

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World Events and Western Workers

Fight Grows Against Japanese Conquest In North China

By Emmett Kirby

March of Northern Red Army Consolidates Soviet Districts In and Near Five Provinces Betrayed to Japan By Chiang Kai Shek—Japanese Strikes In War Industries.

The passing of winter snow in North China has been heralded in the past years by a renewal of the offensive of the Japanese army.

That this year may be expected to be little different was shown when a week ago a Japanese force went south of the Great Wall into Shansi province "to pursue bandits."

This is one of the five provinces which the Kuo Min Tang General Chiang Kai Shek in January betrayed to Japan in a secret pact, agreeing to withdraw all his troops and surrender these five provinces in Northern China in return for Japanese help in fighting the Chinese Soviets with money, planes, officers, warships, etc.

The five provinces, it will be remembered were Shantung, Hopei, Jehol, Chahar and Shansi. It will be further remembered that the Japanese immediately tested the nature of the resistance in Chahar and the Mongolian border. They found that the cavalry bands on their little Mongolian ponies, and the armed peasantry, as well as the soldiers—who did NOT agree with Chiang Kai Shek's betrayal—were more than willing and able to whip the pants off them. Japan's finest withdrawal.

Their latest move was by way of another feeler. The announcement of the withdrawal, five days later, gave no report of battle. But the plan to meet the "obligations" to Chiang by sweeping out the "red bandits" has taken on increased immediate importance following the successes of the Chinese Red Armies in certain of these provinces.

* Northern Red Army *

The march from Kiangsi to Szechwan and Kweichow is already well known. The march of the Red Army which took the northern route is less important. This march to Szechwan through the coast provinces and Honan, southern Shansi and Shensi, re-

sulted in defeating Kuo Min Tang troops and bringing a line of territory under the influence of the Soviets and setting up new, as well as expanding old, Soviet districts.

In the large Soviet district where the borders of Anhwei, Hopei and Honan Provinces meet (in central China) just south of the betrayed five provinces, the Red Army particularly aided their strengthening and spread.

This Soviet was alleged to have been wiped out. But with the strength of the new forces obtained following the evacuation of the Kiangsi Central Soviet Republic, it has not only been re-established stronger but has expanded and is at present carrying out an attack against the capital of Anhwei and westward on the Peking-Hankow railway.

This is in the rich Yangtze river valley among a people largely proletarian. It is not far from Nanking, the Kuo Min Tang capital, and in the industrial section of China, with coal and ore mines.

While a large part of the strength of the newly expanded district came from forces of the Red Army marching toward Szechwan, one of whose main objects was the setting up of a Soviet Districts and influence as a protective barrier between Nanking and the Japanese territory and the new republic to be established at Szechwan, an equal part of the success was obtained from the new forces roused to the Red Army's standard because it is the only force rallying the anti-imperialist fight in China.

Chiang Kai Shek's betrayal brought immediate resistance from his troops in the betrayed provinces, resulting in many cases in mass desertion to Red and Partisan troops, and the sworn oath of many companies of Kuo Min Tang troops not to surrender their homes to the Japanese, no matter what Generalissimo Chiang might have bargained. The fight of the people—proletarian, peasantry, and anti-Japanese elements in other strata of society—joined with them to rally this front and in large parts are now helping or are least favorable to the Soviets. The inseparability of the class struggle and the anti-imperialist fight is becoming more and more clear to them and that realization is bringing increased action.

Further west the Red Army has expanded and consolidated the Soviet Districts in Shensi and Kansu (bordering the north of Szechwan) and spread them into Ninghsia and Suiyuan. The latter is of the utmost importance from the standpoint of the anti-imperialist struggle against Japan. For Suiyuan and Ninghsia are parts of Inner Mongolia.

By carrying the Soviet banner into this territory and by establishing contact with the national revolutionary struggles in Mongolia, the Red Army is bringing to itself an ally, an implacable foe of Japan and Nanking uniting their struggles and their forces.

Just to the North in Outer Mongolia, bordering the Soviet Union, is the revolutionary Mongolian People's Republic which has been firmly established for ten years. Another ally is the fight of the Manchurians, in Partisan troops and in weakening the Japanese forces. They have been organized under the leadership of the Com-

munist Party in Manchukuo to resist the Japanese conquest and exploitation.

The extent to which this anti-Japanese fighting has spread is well covered up, but recent Japanese army figures published in the Ikita Shimbun of Tokyo let slip the astounding fact that in September, October and November of last year 18,000 encounters with the red Manchurian Volunteers occurred. This is an average of 200 a day!

It shows the activity during the time when Japan was still making attacks into Jehol and Chahar by Manchuria has been little diminished since is confirmed in the fact that bodies of between 60 and 70 Japanese officers and men every month pass through the Kobe army post for burial in Japan, soldiers killed in action in Manchukuo.

* In Japan *

And in Japan itself another force is at work aiding the Chinese Soviets—the struggle of the Japanese working classes.

The conditions there afford the American worker an insight to what he may expect under war conditions. Every attempt of the working class to obtain better conditions for themselves is met with intense police terrorism. The reformist trade union leaders as well as the fascists loudly echo the government's cry, as a means to try to keep the workers docile, that any struggle for their own interest is treasonable because it "will lead to weakening the fighting power of the Japanese nation." That cry, that every strike is "a betrayal of the fatherland" echoed as loudly as the guns among the nations participating in

the 1914-1918 bloodbath. The strikers are as a result subjected to cruellest persecution, with mass arrests of working class leaders and particularly Communists the order of the day since 1932.

But the workers continue to strike instead of swallowing dumbly the government pat phrases of "national unity" and "Japan's life line", the latter meaning the imperialist conquest laid out in the notorious Tanaka Memorial for Conquest of Siberia, China, the islands of the Pacific and later the whole world.

* Strikes In War Industries *

Facing new hardships already because of the sharpening competition from the very spot which was supposed to help them, Manchukuo, the workers strike in increasing waves. Particularly important is the number of struggles in the war industries.

Precisely among those where the influence of the reformist trade unions and their misleaders is strongest is where the strikes are greatest.

Miners of the Kiusiu region, supposedly among the most backward, are fighting against wage cuts levied in the name of the Japanese destiny and glory. 100,000 miners are fighting there. The total number of strikes increased last year—103,300 for eleven ms. of 1934 as against 97,500 during 1933. Strikes, which previously have been mostly limited affairs, are spreading to include other crafts of the same industry and material help is given by other unions.

Other war industries strikes include the military engineering works of Kikai Seisaku Company of Osaka where 1000 workers

Workers Build Model Soviet State On Ruins Left By Bosses

Ignorance And Misery of Old Days Are Gone

Traders and Profiteers Don't Like New Life In Russia; Genuine Democracy In Dictatorship of Proletariat.

By George H. Shoaf

Article No. 5.

Outsiders who visit the Soviet Union must not base their judgment entirely on the progress they see today. They must compare what they see with what existed before the workers took power and began the work of social and economic reconstruction. Then they will understand and appreciate the tremendous and really marvellous progress the Russian workers have made.

Illiteracy in the prewar days prevailed generally among the Russian masses. In many respects large numbers of Russian peasants were little better than serfs. The knowledge and practice of mechanics, such as carpentering, machine work of all kinds, and the use of technical tools, were restricted to an infinitesimal portion of the population.

* Couldn't Pound Nails.

Scott Nearing, who resided in the Soviet Union more than a year before Lenin died, and who associated in familiar fashion with the workers and farmers, told me that actually few farmer boys knew how intelligently and effectively to use a hammer and saw. Before they could be introduced into the factories, they were compelled to go to technical schools where they were taught such rudiments as driving nails and sawing boards. To their credit it must be said that these illiterate farmer boys have developed into the finest of mechanics, capable of handling the most modern and intricate machinery the world ever saw.

It must be further understood that when the workers began to reorganize their social and economic life under the Dictatorship of the Proletariat they had to start virtually from scratch. The ravages of civil war had almost desolated their country. More than 3000 bridges, destroyed by white Russian and invading capitalist armies, had to be rebuilt. Roads and public highways, blown up by dynamite, had to be reconstructed. What factory enterprises existed in the old days had been almost ruined by saboteurs employed by enemies of the workers, specifically for the job. After the workers had expelled the invading armies, partially liquidated domestic enemies, and began the work of reconstruction, what did they find? What was their inheritance?

* Ruins Left By Bosses.

A land of ruins and desolation. A land without machinery or tools with which to work. A land of social disorganization and moral upheaval. A peasant population ignorant and illiterate and immersed in the methods of modern science. Railway transportation at a standstill and industry of every kind and character practically prostrate. Russia, when the workers took possession, was in a condition far worse than was the state of the South when Northern armies conquered and ransacked that section of the United States during the closing days of the Civil War.

Did the heroes who drove the invaders out draw back from the mighty job of reconstruction? Not for a moment! With an energy inspired by hope and fired with a determination to realize the grandest vision that ever uplifted the human mind and heart, the workers under the direction of the immortal Lenin proceeded to bring order out of chaos. In the teeth of famine more dreadful than any that ever afflicted this earth before they went to the job with an enthusiasm that appeared to be superhuman.

* Reconstructed By Masses.

Unhindered by private ownership, the farmers started cultivating land for which they paid no rent; the workers repaired and rebuilt factories in which they secured the full products of their

toil; engineers, domestic and imported, superintended the rehabilitation of transportation on land, on the sea and in the air; schools were introduced into communities that never had them before and the workers were taught to read and write and think; women for the first time in history were emancipated and given equal opportunity with men; universities for higher education were founded and increased until today their number exceeds those of any capitalist nation; class lines were obliterated and a freedom of thought and expression inaugurated that has become of menacing concern to the exploiters and oppressors of labor everywhere; and best of all, the whole vast country from the Polish border to the Pacific Ocean has been taken over by the people who inhabit it, and all power, social, economic and political, is wielded by the people in a fashion for the first time in history really and truly democratic!

* A Genuine Democracy.

Genuine democracy is possible and practicable in the Soviet Union today for the reason that the ownership and control of the land and the industries are in the hands of the working class. Absentee landlordism has disappeared. There are no such things as title deeds to land or any kind of property. The workers—the people—in their collective capacity, own and operate all the means of life, and in common enjoy the proceeds of their collective toil.

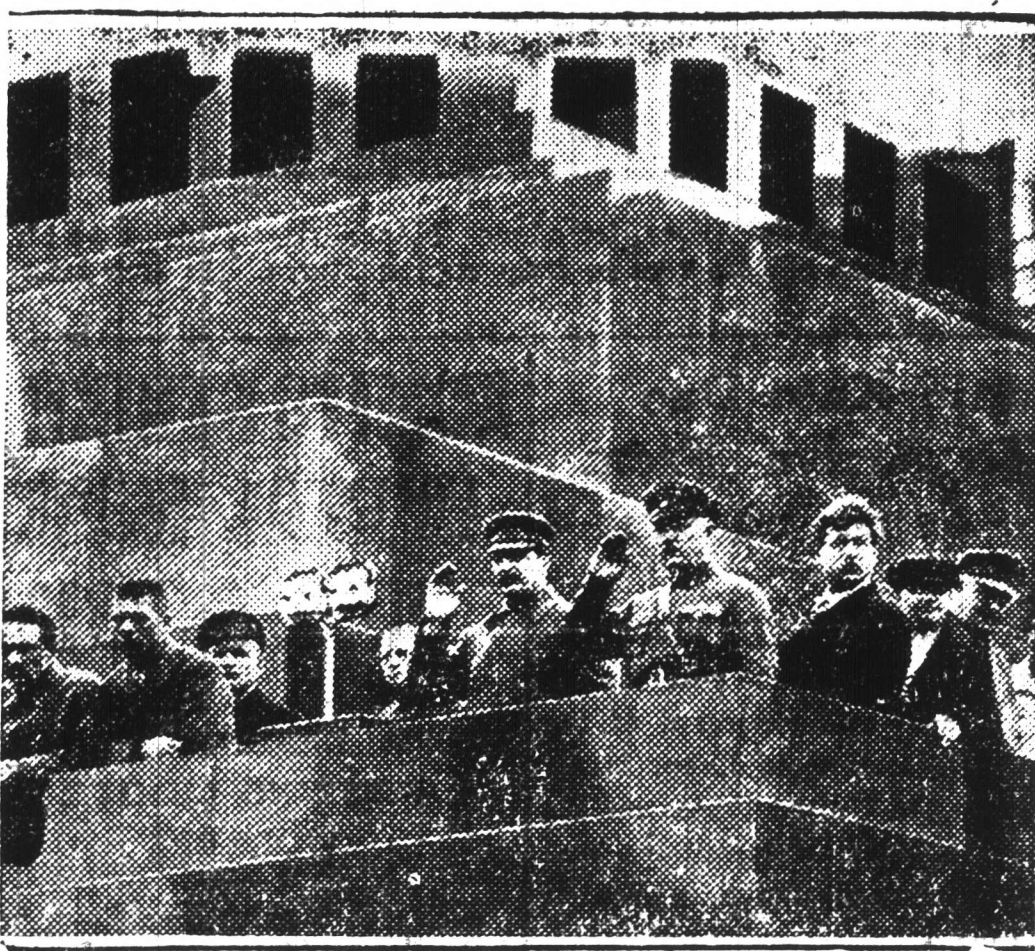
In the old days of private ownership and exploitation an individual, especially if he had influence with the church and the state, could, at the expense of the workers, amass a tremendous private fortune. Today such activity is absolutely impossible. The individual can be, must be, a producer or distributor, not a speculator. There is no opportunity for anyone in the Soviet Union to make profit out of anything. The person who attempts it will be quickly arrested and punished.

* No Trading For Profit.

Frequently individuals from the United States, who should know better, take with them to the Soviet Union merchandise which, if they could sell to the Russian workers, would net them a small fortune in Russian roubles. One such individual was in the group that went with me from New York to Leningrad. Being a druggist, and knowing the shortage of medicine that existed in the Soviet Union, he took with him a trunk filled with medicine and other drugs. How he expected to get the trunk passed through the Soviet custom house without bribing the Soviet officials I do not know. If he tried the characteristic American process of bribing public officials, he failed; for his trunk was seized, impounded and he, himself, came almost being excluded from the country.

Naturally, this druggist never saw a thing in the Soviet Union over which to wax enthusiastic. He was born in the Ukraine, but was taken to America when a child. He remained with the group of which I was a member until we went to Moscow. He visited his aunt, who was a Soviet worker in Moscow, and returned to the hotel disheartened and concerned because his aunt was compelled to work for a living. Several

SOVIET GROWTH CHALLENGES DECAYING CAPITALIST SYSTEM



Only in the Soviet Union are factory workers allowed to carry guns, as in the above picture. In capitalist countries, the bosses dare not allow workers to be armed; they might fight back and take over the factories instead of letting themselves be shot during strikes, as happens in California quite regularly. In the pictures below, Stalin is seen reviewing a parade from Lenin's tomb, and a girl athlete, one of millions who belong to Soviet Sports Clubs, is seen in action.

times during his stay in Moscow he admitted to me that he was fed up on what he saw that he was going to take an airplane to Warsaw, Poland, and go back immediately to the United States. He said he had other relatives in the Ukraine, but he was not going to pay them a visit. I have never seen the gentleman since, but this I do know.

* A Capitalist Will Kick.

What he turned up his nose at in Moscow I thought perfectly charming. The May Day demonstration on the Red Square that he laughed at I regarded as the most thrilling event of my life. Hotel service at which he constantly complained satisfied me completely. Inspection of the great AMO auto plant at the outskirts of Moscow, wherein 50,000 young men and women work in trained harmony manufacturing and turning out huge auto trucks, disclosed to me, at least, an industry of remarkable speed and power. To my druggist friend the whole plant was a grand joke. And so it was with everything that both of us saw and experienced.

This was not because he was accustomed to the best of everything in life and I inured to the ways of poverty. As a news writer I have circumnavigated the globe and made several European visits. I have stopped at hotels expensive and less so. Most of the great American industrial plants I have visited and carefully inspected. I think I can distinguish between what is good and bad and what is worthwhile and what is worthless.

But it is a safe bet to wager that this druggist gentleman, Russian born and American raised, wherever he is, is raising his voice to the tune and cry that enemies of the Soviet Union in this country are making in their effort to discredit the land of their birth.

* Intelligent Appreciation.

Another gentleman, a Pitts, burch, Pa. jeweler, who also accompanied our group from New York to Leningrad, who left Czarist Russia twenty-five years ago when he was forty years of age, and who could intelligently compare post-war Russia with pre-war Russia after traveling through the Soviet Union several weeks, said:

"Unless you knew Old Russia as I knew it, you could never adequately appreciate the changes that have come. In the old days I never was permitted to visit Moscow on account of my race. I had to remain in that particular section where I was born. In the old days class lines were so severely drawn that the workers were completely segregated; they

were given their place, and they had to remain in that place. Such a thing as a worker ever being promoted to directorship of an industry or receiving high appointment in the service of either state or army, was positively unknown. Today this condition is reversed.

"In Old Russia the working classes purposely were kept uneducated and ignorant. They were forced to attend church. Today they can go to church or remain away as they choose. Today every Russian child is put in school as soon as it can articulate and it is encouraged to remain in school until its education is complete. Everywhere I go I am impressed with the remarkable progress that has been made since the Soviets took power; and my only wish is that they will continue to progress in the future as they have done in the recent past."

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

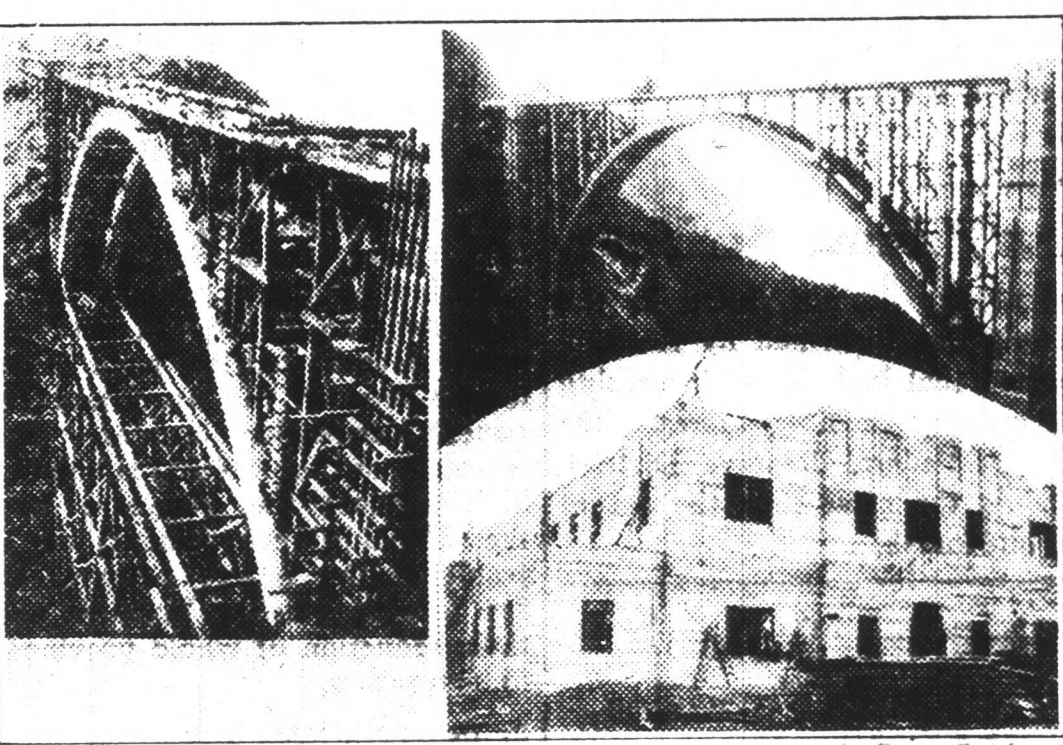
Anti-Red Bills

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on everything except food stuffs. Even with the new taxes proposed, the budget will not balance. There is a \$29,000,000 deficit from the last two years, and \$24,000,000 not provided for the second year's relief expenditures. Added to this, Controller Riley has stated that the new taxes proposed will not bring nearly as much as has been estimated. The result is that the state is certain to get into a worse muddle than now exists.

Chinese Industries Hit By Depression

SHANGHAI, June 3.—The depression, the silver inflation in the United States, and the Kuo Min Tang war against the Soviet Chinese Republic has hit Chinese industry considerably. Latest evidence of this is seen in the closing of three Shanghai banks, and a large cotton mill, leaving 1200 workers jobless.



Why no unemployment exists in the Soviet Union is explained by these three pictures, showing a steel mill, peasants inspecting new tractors, and bridges and buildings springing up throughout the land of the Soviet Union. Here machines are not used to throw men out of work to fill the pockets of a few, but to benefit the great mass of workers.

Lumber Strike

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All agreements and conduct the strike as he saw fit.

The sellout, originally presented to workers of McCormick Lumber Mills is completely failing to break the strike as rank and file action blocks it at every turn. The Plywood Workers have voted down unanimously one "peace proposal," and one delegate from each local now meets with the Plywood Council in Portland.

* Rank and File Organizing.

A meeting was held in Everett, Wash., May 30 to set up a democratic Joint Northwest Strike Committee. Two delegates from each local in Longview, Shelton, Aberdeen, Olympia, Tacoma, Anacortes and Sultan attended to take first organizational steps.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3.—The Portland local of the STWC has passed a resolution, asking for a general strike if Governor Martin of Oregon calls out the National Guard to break the lumber strike.

* Solidarity Action.

The Portland International Longshoremen's Association not only endorses the lumber strike but has sent fifty longshoremen to help on the picket line in Sequim Valley, one of the lumber strike "hot spots."

TACOMA, Wash., June 3.—The rank and file won full control of their STWC local here when they were granted full information on the strike, details of negotiations for settlement and rank and file referendum vote on any agreement made. A rank and file committee of seven was elected to attend the Northwest Council meeting in Longview.

TOLEDO, Wash., June 3.—The local United Farmers League has endorsed the lumber strike, and has sent nearly five hundred pounds of potatoes, eggs, beans, butter and canned fruit to the strikers at Rydewood.

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ALL SAN FRANCISCO MASS ORGANIZATIONS and Party Sections are urged to save the date of JUNE 22D, when the District Training School reception will take place at Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore street. Special Entertainment: Features, Plays, Skits, Music, Dancing. Dinner served, 25 Cents, from 5 p. m. on. Admission tickets 15 cents in advance—25 cents at door.

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By Terry Casey.

The small farmers' answer to the continuance of the AAA is Nay, nay, nay!

MADE IN GERMANY

Little Morris Rosenberg came home with a swastika badge pinned on his coat. His father shrieked: "Where did you get hold of that swastika?"

"From a Nazi Storm Trooper," replied Morris. "He swapped it to me for some of my matzo."

—Laughter in Hell.

THE WHOLE TRUTH

An unemployed worker was being shadowed by a secret police spy. The worker felt his trousers slipping, so he stopped in the doorway of a house long enough to draw his belt. A few notches tighter on his empty stomach.

The spy slipped up behind him and suddenly snarled: "What are you doing here?"

The worker, without turning around to look at his accuser, answered politely: "I was just having breakfast, Herr State Secret Policeman."

—Laughter in Hell.

Recently a West Virginian was sent to prison for stealing a locomotive.

Need we add that had he stolen a whole railway he would have been called a financial wizard.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN

"Laws have been passed to aid workmen organize for their own protection. Factories have been made safer and more healthful. Profits have been taxed heavily. . . . As a result there has been an enormous improvement in the condition of the working man."

—H. L. Mencken.

The Redmen of America, according to proclamation of Great Incoherence Ruland, are to join the drive to deport "undesirable alien" workers. Which they should realize is how the real redmen felt about their own ancestors.

CHALK UP ONE FOR THE SKUNKS

Many people are immune to the odor of the polecat, says Dr. Blakesley of the Carnegie Institute, and one in a hundred even think the odor sweet. Which is a higher percentage than those who found the odor of Roosevelt's bonus veto speech pleasant.

HYMN OF A HEARSE HIRELING

I don't like because I'm mean,
Nor 'cause it's fun to fool you
I only do it 'cause it's seen
It helps the bosses rule you

R. R. C.

Dr. Leland, S. F. City Coroner, was trying to phlegma a new ambulance out of the Board of Supervisors' other day. The one that now makes the deliveries to the morgue is seven years old, he complained and a new one is needed.

Some of the Supervisors registered opposition.

"Well," said the Dr., "all I can say is that some of you could come down and take a ride in it."

And that, my comrades, is the brightest suggestion that has been made in these august chambers this year.

Workers' School Gives Course In Soviet Progress

LOS ANGELES, June 3.—How and why socialist construction has been successful in the U. S. S. R., Soviet economy, trade unions in the U. S. S. R., social security, and religious and civil liberties, are some of the topics which will be covered in the course "Russian Revolution and Socialist Construction in the U. S. S. R." which will be given in the Summer Term at the Los Angeles Workers' School beginning the week of June 3.

For anyone who wants a clear understanding and an authoritative analysis of the conditions in the Soviet Union this course is recommended. Dr. J. C. Coleman who will instruct the course is director of the Southern California section of the Friends of the Soviet Union and has a wide knowledge of his subject. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30, beginning June 4.

Call Madison 5885 or come or write to the School office, 230 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, for information concerning other courses.



By Walter Gardner.

RECOMMENDED ENTERTAINMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO—"PEACE ON EARTH," great anti-war play. Surprisingly fine cooperative production by new San Francisco Theater Union. Neighborhood Playhouse, 1749 Clay street. Curtain at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Seats 40 cents. Required seeing.

"CHAPAYEV," tremendously successful latest Soviet film. Reputed best Soviet picture in years. Opening Friday, June 7 at President Theater, McAllister, near Market.

LOS ANGELES—

"WAITING FOR LEFTY," Clifford Odets' play about the New York taxi strike. Hollywood Playhouse, 40 cents with WESTERN WORKER ad.

"PEACE ON EARTH"

"Peace on Earth" opened Friday night in San Francisco, and we think this is no time to be talking about the movies.

"Peace on Earth" has everything the Hollywood movies haven't got. It's real, and it's true, and it's about us, NOW. And it's exciting entertainment. The new San Francisco Theater Union gets off to a wonderfully encouraging start with their production of this thrilling play. The opening night's performance was of a quality beyond expectations, and no doubt succeeding performances will be even better. It is not too much to believe that audiences with no well-developed antiwar feelings or knowledge will be stirred to a deeper understanding of war-fueled by exposure to this play.

Had Long N. Y. Run.

It was with the same play that the New York Theater Union began its already rich history of social usefulness. And just as tremendous sections of the New York working class and intellectuals discovered that "Peace on Earth" was FOR THEM, and deeply stirring entertainment besides, so here in San Francisco we may expect the same result. The play deserves it, and the quality of the performance deserves it. While "Peace on Earth" is here for us to see no other entertainment can possibly measure up to it in value received, or in importance.

Plenty Action.

The play envelopes in a authentic storm of action a whirling mass of individuals and groups who finally separate into opposing forces fighting against, and defending, the economic system that is responsible for war. A strike of home-shore workers, new testing, function, disaster, in a period of imminent world war, danger is the main motive force around which swirl workers, soldiers, stockholders, bankers, capitalists, presidents, judges, sailors, social workers, police, students, government officials, militia, murderers, judges, business, the side serious fault of the play is that to many it will seem to be merely an attack against war. But to those who bring to it some even slight understanding of what makes wars, "Peace on Earth" is also a powerful exposure of the economic system of capitalism which alone is the responsible cause for wars.

Well Directed.

The production shows in every aspect a positive, vital direction. By the incursions, use of an extraordinarily deep stage which

may be used by halves, scene changes are swift and take almost unnoted. The sets are simple and strong, the lighting skillful and effective. An enormous cast of sixty-five dresses, enters, exits, scenes are changed, all without a single obstructive sound—a remarkable achievement with a wingless stage.

Result of Hard Work.

The months of hard work which this non-profit, cooperative group has put into "Peace on Earth" deserve to be rewarded by capacity houses every night. "Peace on Earth" is performing a valuable social function, and deserves, in turn, all the hard work that had to be done. And let those who think that art has to be "for art's sake" come and learn. Let them learn too that every play is a propaganda play. Every play recommends certain concepts over others. What our enemies really mean when they say "propaganda" is that they disagree with those concepts.

Let us hope that the new San Francisco Theater Union will be able to go on to productions of other fine plays, such as "Strike" and "Black Pit" (developed works of the authors of the present play), and "Waiting for Lefty" and "Sailors of Cantata." They have the field to themselves for the best plays of the day.

"Peace on Earth" Benefit for Am. Youth Congress

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—Three well-known speakers will lead a symposium and discussion from the floor at the Sunday evening performance of "Peace on Earth," a popular anti-war play now running at the Neighborhood Playhouse, 1749 Clay St.

The entire house is being taken over by the American Youth Congress and ticket are being sold at the reduced rate of 35 cents each. All funds will be used to send delegates to the National Congress of the AYU in Detroit, July 27.

Speakers requested to participate in the symposium are Ben Lovett of the Democratic Council, Lee Jones of the Y. W. C. A. Business and Industrial Girls' Department, Delaney Schenck of the I. L. A., and George Woolf, president of the Seafarers' local, 28-100, I. L. A.

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Danger of Opportunism To Be Guarded Against

Tendency of Certain Comrades Toward Compromise Strategies And Line of the Least Resistance Is Vital Danger In United Front Activities.

In the last period our Party has made some advance in the process of broadening our contacts with the masses of workers. Through energetic application of the United Front, we have succeeded in involving considerable numbers of workers in the A. F. of L. Unions, in Epic Clubs and Utopian groups in mass actions around such vital issues as the struggle against War and Fascism, the fight for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and the struggle for unemployment insurance.

It is at this time especially, when our work is reaching wider masses of people that wrong, opportunistic and sectarian tendencies in our Party are forced into the open. They present the greatest danger to our movement with in our own ranks. These wrong tendencies show themselves chiefly by:

A. In the isolated cases of cowardly action of a few of our own comrades in several United Front movements in the district to take the name of the Party off leaflets and other agitatorial material under the pretense of "widening the united front and not offending liberals and other backward elements."

B. In the narrow sectarian and bureaucratic tendencies of some comrades, chiefly functionaries in various defense or anti-fascist bodies, or even in trade unions, not to fight for, and sometimes even to stand in the way of, united action by all these movements on single issues under the excuse that such unity might offend some elements in their own organization.

C. In the capitulation of certain politically backward C. P. members, who have failed to grasp the Party line, to backward tendencies in non-Party organizations or in united front movements, allegedly for the sake of "harmony."

TO CONTINUE IN, IF ALLOWED TO REMAIN UNCHECKED BY A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, THE PARTY IS DOING NOTHING MORE THAN BUILDING UP MASS MOVEMENTS TO BE CAPTURED BY THE FIRST SHREWDEMBAGUE THAT COMES ALONG.

Must Be Overcome.

Our Party must launch a sharp struggle against opportunism on the basis of an open discussion of some of the most flagrant opportunist mistakes made in our district within the last six months in our mass work.

The worst example of opportunism in our district is to be seen in the repeated opportunist mistakes made in the United Front Conference for the repeal of the C. S. Law, for which the main responsibility rests upon Comrade Gordon, who is in defense work.

In view of the pressing need to increase the movement to repeal the C. S. Law, the District Bureau decided that there would not be any existing May Day meetings in San Francisco to conflict with the central Dreamland Auditorium meeting under the auspices of the United Front Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Law. A policy was worked out whereby all general publicity issued by the C. S. Conference would urge support of the march and demonstration—one of the main issues of which was the protest against the Sacramento convictions, and the repeal of the C. S. Law. An official delegation from the C. S. Conference visited the May Day Conference and proposed support for the evening meeting, which was agreed to.

C. S. Was Main Slogan.

This agreement, and the fact that the struggle against the C. S. Law was one of the main slogans raised by the May Day Conference, provided the necessary political basis for bringing the question of May Day clearly before the C. S. Conference, and getting both Conferences to cooperate with each other.

Along this line, the District Bureau decided that at the next enlarged C. S. Conference, the May Day Conference send a representative to propose that a traveling billboard and certain other publicity be carried forward jointly, advertising both the day demonstration and the evening meeting, the expense to be borne jointly.

This proposal was argued against by Comrade Gordon. Gordon's opposition was obviously occasioned by his fear that some delegates might offer opposition to bringing in the question of the May Day demonstration. He accepted the decision to try to mobilize all the delegates, especially those from the trade unions and convince the majority of the de-

legates of the C. S. Conference to wider cooperation May Day.

The day of the C. S. Conference came, and it was evident that no effort was made to mobilize the delegates. Comrade Gordon carried his sabotage of the Bureau decision by not even notifying the fraction members of it. The proposal when made, was defeated, with Gordon himself speaking against it. Because of lack of knowledge of the decision, other Party members, therefore, spoke against the proposal.

Resisted Criticism.

In spite of repeated incidents of this kind, Gordon instead of recognizing this fault, continually resisted criticism and denied the element of opportunism in his work. The result was that instead of being corrected, this fault became a characteristic of every activity he participated in. Comrade Gordon is further criticized for turning every discussion on the subject into personal and factional channels. The more flagrant examples of opportunism became the more persistently he denied them and resisted correction.

Consistent Opportunist Line.

That this is not an isolated mistake, but a consistent opportunist line, is proven by the fact that leaflets, press releases, etc., issued by the Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Law, subsequent to the Bureau decision, did not carry a box advertising the march and demonstration as previously decided.

The line of the publicity was to hide the Communist Party and not to bring its participation in the United Front forward on an equal basis with other political parties and organizations. This was evidenced by the fact that several press releases issued by the C. S. Conference prominently mentioned non-Party speakers, but the speakers representing the Communist Party were left out.

The name of the Communist Party as one of the sponsoring organizations was eliminated from much of the leaflets and other publicity material and only "respectable" organizations were mentioned.

Circular Letters.

The C. S. Conference sent out thousands of circular letters. These too, advertised all the main speak-

ers and omitted to mention the Communist speaker. This letter, also, while it mentions the march and demonstrations of May Day, did so only in "passing" as one would refer to something purely incidental. When the letter was corrected to tie the demonstration and march up to the Dreamland meeting on the basis of the struggle against the C. S. Law, and the Communist speaker's name inserted among the speakers, a final letter was mimeographed—and this letter got around the problem of mentioning the name of the Communist speaker by omitting all names.

Feared Being Too Red.

Obviously, the comrades on the C. S. Conference, especially Comrade Gordon, resisted bringing struggle on the streets on May Day on the C. S. issue, before their Conference for fear of making it "too red." This explains why the delegates from the C. S. Conference, including the C. P. members, paid only one short flying visit to the May Day Conference, which were held every week, and even then left before he could report, and also, why Gordon, the H.D.'s delegate to the May Day Conference, also paid only one "courtesy" visit to the May Day Conference.

Capitulated to Trotskyites.

A further example of Gordon's opportunistic line was his agreement at the demand of the counter-revolutionary Trotskyites in San Francisco to issue a Call for a State-Wide United Front Conference Against the C. S. Law, to be signed jointly by the Workers' Party and the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, along with the Party, the H.D. and other organizations and to the exclusion of certain trade union bodies, so as to give the Trotskyites control of the Conference. This again was done to "keep the peace"—all though our comrades were fully aware of the fact that the Trotskyites are associated with assassins and Hearst against the working class, bitter enemies of the Party and its policy of the united front, and wished to enter the United Front only to disrupt it.

Such consistent opportunism, which takes the form of opposition to the Party line, must be sharply condemned by the whole Party. If persisted in, it will become a menace to the interest of the working class and must therefore be ruthlessly exposed.



By Lou McLean.

NEW EDITION OF PLIVIER The Kaiser's Coolies—By Theodor Plivier. Publishers: Alfred A. Knopf—308 pp—Special price \$1.25.

This is a novel, but based as it is on the actual experience of a German in the Imperial High Sea Fleet, it is richer and fuller of reality than novels usually are. The reader is plunged into the very middle of the slave driven lives of the workers-seamen who were herded into the navy by certainly not fair means and only too often by the foulest of methods; kept in virtual slavery and killed by the hundreds and thousands by the carelessness and the desire to make a good showing on the goldbrails who were their masters.

The book is full of tense action though there is no consciousness of a dramatic buildup. The gradual awakening of the sailors' growing discontent, and final action taken by them; all this is shown splendidly and clearly.

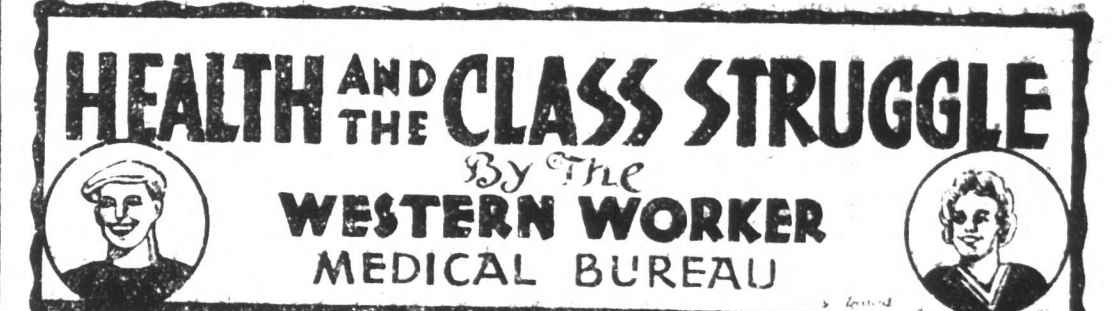
Not being planned, like most of our novels, the jerky, and often

spontaneous action makes for real live drama as the working masses know it. Individual sufferings; mass killings and deaths from disease; the rigid leave restrictions; all this while they see their officers fat and living luxurious lives—well read and see what happens when the ruling class gets their backs to the wall!

PAMPHLETS

WESTERN WORKER National Defense for Whom? By Harold Ward—18 pp—5c.

This pamphlet is loaded with more than mere facts. The meat of the whole is in the last three pages. After going through facts and figures that amaze one not quite a believer in the rottenness of the capitalist way of conducting business during "national defense" and with even an aggressive war on the agenda, the last three pages should convince even the most sceptical. But to appreciate this clear picture of the whole dirty mess one has to read the buildup for the final pages. By all means spend a nickel and read it—then pass it on or resell.



This column is always glad to get suggestions for its improvement from the readers. Also any questions you ask will be answered in this column, attaching only your initials to them. Address letters to this column, care of Western Worker, 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

SCIENTIFIC MEDICINE AND SECTARIAN (NARROW) MEDICINE

Continued from last issue

Let us examine a few more quotations from the book of Dr. Douglas Thompson, chiropractor and self-admitted "international authority on diet."

On page 173 we read: "The principal cause of diabetes is that of wrong diet. . . ." And so Thompson advises treating even this fearful disease by feeding a certain combination of foods. Serums which have saved countless thousands of lives throughout the world and have cut the diabetes deathrate tremendously, may not be used if one follows Thompson's advice.

The world's greatest scientists believe to a man that diabetes is caused by a germ always present in the disease. Yet our Oakland friend is such a genius that he can stand alone like the towering giant that he is (he admits it) and say, "Phooey on your germs. They just don't exist."

Insulin, that marvelous discovery, which has given a new lease on life to every advanced diabetes patient is worthless—if we take Thompson's advice.

According to his book, the best treatment for appendicitis is fruit juices, frequent enemas, and his own brand of phlegm. Decades of experience throughout the world have shown that enemas and phlegm during an attack of appendicitis usually cause the appendix to burst. This in turn usually means the death of the patient.

Another influential chiropractor is Frank McCoy of Los Angeles and Oakland, who also claims to be a "diet specialist." He has tried to make his methods appear scientific, he has taken the fantastic theory out of the sky that "first

and foremost in the cause of disease is the congestion of blood containing morbid material in organs or tissues of the body." This in turn is supposed to be caused by wrong eating and exercise.

This is very easy for a lay person to believe, as there is always congestion of blood in inflammation. However, all scientists agree that the disease causes the congestion of the blood and not vice versa (the opposite).

On page 209 of his book he claims that an animal's heart "should not be used for food, because the muscles contain so much thickened blood on account of its being the last organ in the body to stop functioning." Here his ignorance is clearly shown. Even beginning medical students know that when an animal is slaughtered its heart stops functioning instantaneously.

Many other examples of his ignorance could be pointed out.

We do not mean by this discussion that all practitioners who do not have an "M. D." after their names are unscientific. There are also unscientific and unethical "M. D.'s." However, we do know that the title, M. D., has given the owner a minimum of scientific training.

How may a worker know whether a doctor is scientific? The majority of the members of the county medical societies are scientific and ethical, although not all.

All comrades and sympathizers are urged to buy their tickets for "Chapayev" at the Western Worker Bookshop, 37 Grove St., or at 1169 Golden Gate Ave., or at 542 Valencia St. (one flight up).

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BLIND SPOTS IN THE PRESS

The San Francisco Daily News of June 3 carries a story, "OUST RADICALS," I. L. A. IS URGED. This referred to a chummy letter written by Thomas G. Plant, president of the Waterfront Employers' Union, to the notorious boss today William J. Lewis, district president of the International Longshoremen's Association, demanding that he "purge" the San Francisco local of the I. L. A. or the rank and file leaders of last year's longshore strike.

The waterfront has now been able to study examples of two types of leadership, the alleged "radicals" who led last year's struggle, and the labor fakers, notably Paul Scharrenberg, who called and conducted the tanker strike.

The longshore strike was organized, called and conducted by the rank and file after proper preparations had been made.

The tanker strike was called without any preparation and was deliberately sabotaged by Scharrenberg and others after they got it started.

The first strike, under militant, "radical" leadership won definite gains. The second has thus far proved a complete failure.

The first strike, through militant picketing, tied up the commerce of the employers. The second strike, through Scharrenberg's tactic of discouraging picket lines, hardly inconvenienced the employers. All tankers are now sailing with full crews.

It is apparent to the maritime workers now that "radical" leadership means honest rank and file leadership.

The International Seamen's Union is now conducting a trial for the purpose of "ousting" Paul Scharrenberg. To date the capitalist press has not carried a line of news on this significant development. Yet an anti-labor communication from an employer to a labor faker is considered worthy of mention.

BULLET PROOF CONFIDENCE

In two radio addresses last month, President Roosevelt assured a doubting populace that recovery had at last been achieved. It was a difficult point to put over on such thin evidence. He urged confidence in the future and praised the success of his administration's policies.

Motivated, perhaps, by this same confidence, the president has lately acquired a bullet-proof Pierce-Arrow. The car is capable of 110 m.p.h., has all bullet-proof glass and steel armor lining.

END OF THE NRA

(Continued from Page One)

Gund of the Socialist Party, together with the A. F. of L. chiefs, were whodung it up for the NRA, at the time when even "militant" Socialist leaders like Norman Thomas were seeing the NRA "a step toward Socialism." It was the Communist Party that ripped the mask off the whole New Deal program and called on the workers to fight against anti-labor slave codes.

Today the analysis of the Communist Party, the whole line of its activity stands fully verified.

PREPARE FOR STRUGGLE

And just as the Communist Party throughout the past two years called on the workers to fight against the NRA, so today it once again sounds the call to the working masses of the country to prepare for immediate determined resistance against the effects of the discarding of the NRA—against wage cuts, lengthening of hours, attempts to smash union organizations, etc.

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Actions—united action on the widest basis—not talk, is needed. In his speech at Madison Square Garden, New York, last Thursday, William Green, president of the A. F. of L., talked about a general strike for the NRA. Coming from the man who last year, during the San Francisco general strike, came out flatly against any general or sympathetic strike, this can only be interpreted as a playing with the idea of strike action for the purpose of mobilizing the workers in support of the policies of the capitalists.

Not a strike for the NRA, but militant action against every attempt to use the Supreme Court decision in order to lower living standards. Yes, also the instrument of a political mass strike of labor.

Not class collaboration policies that cause labor to put its head into the mouth of the capitalist lion, but class struggle AGAINST the capitalists, AGAINST their wage-cutting, union-smashing starvation program.

BUILD MASS LABOR PARTY

Not the splitting of labor's ranks through the expulsion of the best fighters as Mike Thane has done in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, but unity of all the forces of labor around a militant program is the burning need.

Not support of the Democratic or Republican Parties, the parties of Wall Street, but THE BUILDING OF A MASS FIGHTING, ANTI-CAPITALIST LABOR PARTY, BASED ON THE TRADE UNIONS, TO LEAD THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WALL STREET HUNGER PROGRAM.

Today, as repeatedly throughout the past two years, the Communist Party appeals to the Socialist Party and the American Federation of Labor to join with it in building the united front of labor to beat back the new attacks on the living standards of the masses and on the entire labor movement.

WORKERS! CLOSE RANKS!

The new methods of the labor-baiting employers demand new methods on the part of labor.

Socialists and A. F. of L. workers: raise the demand in every branch and local for immediate united action to defend our bread and butter, the welfare of ourselves and our families!

Workers: organize committees of action in shops and departments to fight relentlessly against every attack!

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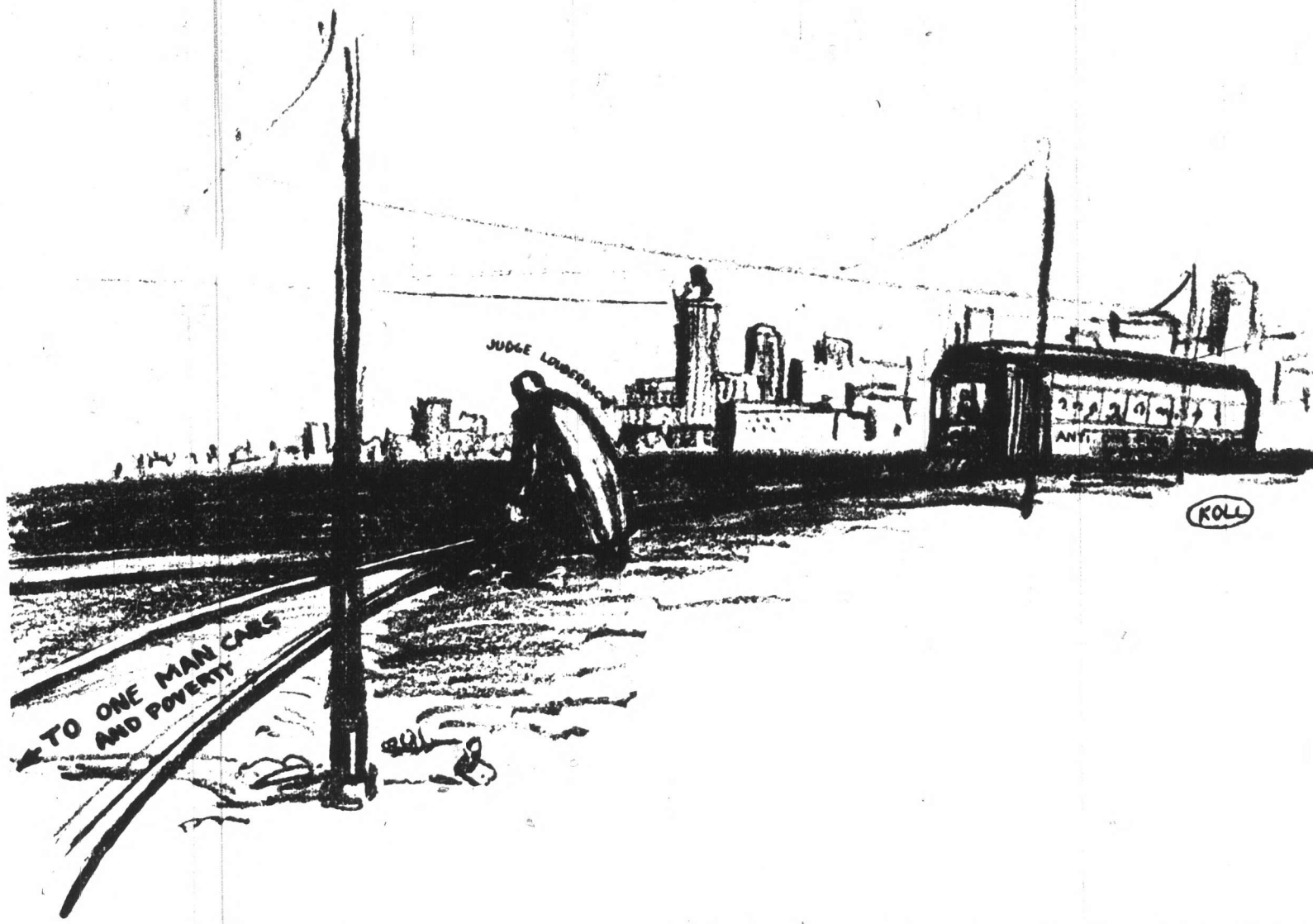
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Nazis Seek Women Warriors

By Elizabeth Karr

The smallest child in Germany, abroad even, knows the views of the Nazis regarding woman's place. The schoolboy says to his mother: "You are only a woman, you don't understand that. It is a brutal and recognized fact that women have been excluded from the higher professions, that a woman doctor is regarded as a person with a 'hermaphrodite' nature," that women who are studying law "cannot reckon on being given the opportunity of following the legal profession." It has been repeated ad nauseum that it is the aim of every true German woman to create a snug, cosy home, which shall form a quiet haven of retreat from the noise and turmoil of the outer world. Hitler himself declared in September last, at the Nuremberg congress of the national socialist party: "In regard to women, our programme has only one point, and that is the child."

All that was plain enough. It is true, there was a short period when there was employment talk about Valkyries with sword and cuirass, in view of the protests of the captains of industry, who did not want women to be completely excluded from the factory, as they

needed them as undercutters of wages and as producers of munitions in the event of war. But as the preparations for war had not yet proceeded so far, the woman was again declared to be a "silent suffering mother." It was in this sense that Hitler had to speak at the Nuremberg Party Congress.

At the end of February last, that is before March 16, the date of the announcement of conscription, the Propaganda Ministry issued the slogan: "Away with the maternal type! We urgently need Valkyries!" On March 3 the "Völkische Freiheit" wrote that the women, inspired by the national socialist world outlook, must follow Hitler's words in order "to become warriors." The same paper admitted, however, that a certain change of mind is necessary:

"Who would maintain today that woman's sole interest is the home, cooking meals, knitting socks? One no longer hears this talk which the opponents of the national socialist party once proudly stated."

Thus the leaders of the national socialist are openly branding as enemies of national socialism!

But the best is yet to come. The fascist journal the "Betrieb" (factory) stated in its issue of March 1:

"In the Northern countries, in which Germanic blood maintained its influence unimpaired, the woman was the mistress just as the man was the master. The Valkyries could not suffer any greater disgrace than to be banished to the spinning wheel, instead of participating in the heroic deeds of the men on the battlefield."

This woman's ideal, as the Nazi journal "Betrieb" afterwards stated, has nothing whatever in common with the "narrow-minded conception of woman held by the crazy philistines, who took it upon themselves to prescribe how woman should live in the Third Reich." Is this not precisely what the Nazis have done? Have they not deprived the working woman of her human dignity? The woman is free to lead her own life in the poison gas factory, even if her lungs and fingers are eaten away by the poisonous chemicals. Do the Nazis really believe that the German working woman has no longer any power of resistance, that these bombastic phrases will so confuse her that she will not see which way the wind is blowing?

MOTHER OF 8 IS HELD FOR DEPORTATION

SHERIFF'S SALE PROTEST MAY LEAVE EIGHT KIDS HOMELESS

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., June 3.—Mrs. Stella, Petrosky, 36, who has supported her eight children, including triplets, for four years alone, faces deportation to post-war Poland of which she is not a citizen. Deportation would tear her from her children, the youngest 10, the oldest 17, all American-born, and might make them public charges.

The charge against Mrs. Petrosky is that she is a radical. "It's because I joined in a mass protest of 400 miners' families in Pennsylvania," she said here today, "against the sheriff's sale of the miserable sticks of furniture of my poverty-stricken neighbors. The sheriff's sale was because they hadn't paid rent. They were starving mostly."

"I was making bread and my children were in school last Thursday. Immigration officers came and said they wanted me to go with them to the police station. I asked them if I could wait until my children came home so they wouldn't be worried about me. But they said, 'I'd only be away a little while, so I went with them in a car.'"

* Called Dangerous Woman.

"When I got into the car, they showed me a warrant and said I was a dangerous woman trying to overthrow the government. They asked me a lot of questions about Russia and the anarchists. I don't know anything about Russia. I don't know what an anarchist is. 'You're a dangerous woman,' they kept on saying. 'You believe you should take a gun and shoot the government,' I said. 'No, I couldn't hold a gun.'"

* Food for Children.

"I didn't want to shoot anybody. I just wanted food for my children."

Mrs. Petrosky was brought to New York by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, which is securing a New York attorney to return with her and fight the deportation proceedings.

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

HOUSEWIFE WANTS TO FIGHT

Berkeley, Calif., May 31.

Editor of the Western Worker:

The housewives of Los Angeles have demonstrated the strength of the boycott movement by winning their fight against exorbitant meat prices. The housewives of the East Bay should join together in the same way against the highway robbery of the P. G. & E.

The gas and light rates here are exactly twice as high as they are in Los Angeles. The P. G. & E. cannot rob the people there because it has to compete with another power company in Los Angeles; but in the East Bay it has been able to charge exorbitantly high rates because there is no other company from whom we can get our gas or electricity.

However, we housewives can force the P. G. & E. to cut its rates down by boycotting gas and electricity; just as the Los Angeles housewives boycotted meat. I, for one, will joyfully cook with wood and use oil lamps to fight these pirates.

Housewife.

A FAIR PENALTY

May 28, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

The enclosed dollar is my husband's contribution to the Western Worker. You see, he insists on reading a Hearst paper, despite my protests, because he adores Pop-Pye, Wimpy, and "The Little King." So I told him that as long as he persists in taking a Hearst paper, he must contribute at least its equivalent in cost to the Western Worker as a sort of atonement.

I am enclosing another article. Every time an article of mine is accepted I am inspired to sit down and write another one.

With comradely greetings,
Rose Gordon,
Los Angeles.

MORE SCRAP IRON FOR JAPAN

Oakland, May 31.

Western Worker: I've learned that the McNear Brick Co. in Oakland is paying 40c per hour in the plant, but labor outside, \$1 per 8 hours.

It's common talk around the Western Pacific R. R. yards in Oakland that the Western Pacific

has sold around 280 carloads of used steel rails to Japan; and that they are to be shipped in old Alaska Packer sailing ships, sold to Japan.

Worker.

HEARST ON MUNITIONS

Los Angeles, May 28.

To Editor Western Worker:

From an article in the L. A. Evening Herald of May 25 under "Munitions for Criminals"—"War-time munitions at least are not used against own people."

That must be a mistake, since what does a manufacturer care against whom the munitions are used, as long as he's making his profit? Didn't the English kill German soldiers with German munitions, and the Germans use English-made guns to kill English soldiers?

It's too bad Hearst doesn't get the truth in his papers.

Yours truly,

C. M.

German barbed wire was sold to England, through Switzerland, and used against German troops. British-made Vickers machine guns were sold to Germany, through Switzerland, and used against British soldiers. Such things went on all during the last war, between the belligerent nations, at a fancy profit to the munition makers. Ed.

L. A. Civil Rights Meet Changed from June 9 to July 4

LOS ANGELES, May 29.—The Conference for Labor's Civil Rights mass meeting originally scheduled for June 9 has been postponed until July 4, according to decision of the executive committee.

Plans call for holding of the huge rally in either the Shrine Auditorium, or the Philharmonic Auditorium, preferably the former.

The tentative list of speakers to be invited includes Harry Bridges, militant Longshoremen's leader; Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney; Epic Assemblyman William Mosley Jones, Anna Mooney, and Pettis Perry, ILD organizer for Dist. 14. In addition there will be representatives of various political parties, local labor unions, fraternal and cultural groups interested in defending and preserving the rights of labor.

TOWARD THE NEXT WAR

MOBILIZING CANNON FODDER

The War Department as its first preparatory move, initiated on April 27 plans for a camp construction program providing for the building at once of 1276 new CCC camps at a cost of approximately \$25,000,000. The camp construction will continue until 1936 camps are constructed to house 600,000 recruits by August 1 of this year. The exact date for enrollment has not yet been announced.

The present mobilized companies will be used as parent companies to develop officers and key men around which to build new companies. Into these outfits and camps will further be mustered some 4000 reserve officers.

The time of enlistment has now been extended from twelve to eighteen months and the age limit advanced by three years, the enrollment ages now are from 18 to 28.

According to a review of CCC health for 1934 the calendar year shows that there occurred 871 deaths during this period; 445 of these deaths were due to disease and 426 to injury.

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SERA ASSISTS MILITARISM

Reports from most of the State Directors of relief through their Social Service workers indicates that large lists of eligibles are waiting for call. (SERA Social Service Agencies are now playing the part of super Army recruiting stations.)

The policy of the so-called Social Service, (which in reality is assisting one of the greatest peacetime war moves in the entire history of the United States) is on the part of these workers, presented as a purely voluntary enterprise; but which if accepted compels the (volunteer) worker to turn over \$25 of his \$30 a month wage, to his family. If he refuses to do this from his cook wage, his family will be immediately cut off relief.

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UNOFFICIAL WAR ADVISER

Gloating over their latest step toward war or its "yellow press" equivalent "preparedness," militarism announces that Brigadier General Robert F. Wood is now the Administration's chief official adviser in the spending of \$4,000,000,000.

This officer and Gentleman, now the president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., has in the past, been in the employ of none other than DuPont powder works, the largest manufacturer in the U. S., turning out high explosives and poison gas, etc., supplying these war necessities to Japan, Asia, Europe, South America, and Mexico.

During the last war Brig. Gen. Wood was the General Purchasing Officer for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, notorious as one of the most corrupt ship building outfits in the war. Later Brig. Gen. Wood saw active service in France behind the lines at Chantilly with the General Staff, still later becoming director of Army Transport.

C. S. PRISONER RETURNS MONEY TO AID OTHERS

SAN QUENTIN COMRADES CHEERFUL, WRITES MARTIN WILSON

SAN QUENTIN, June 3.—The five workers here who were convicted of Criminal Syndicalism and denied bail during appeal of their case, are bearing up bravely. Typical of the spirit shown by our comrades in jail is this extract from a letter from Martin Wilson to the International Labor Defense:

"Received your letter of May 17 and the money order. I don't think it's necessary to worry about money for me as long as I have enough to buy stamps and perhaps stationary, in fact I have requested that half the money sent be sent to the Scottsboro Defense and the Labor Defender."

"I am sure that half my allowance will be enough for stamps. I know that plenty of workers are doing without food, so I will not take their nickels for other things. Instead I will repay them for their sacrificial display of solidarity by having these nickels used where they will do the most good."

In spite of the fine spirit displayed by our comrades, they will appreciate your sending them books or writing to them. It is necessary that the books or periodicals come direct from the bookseller or publisher, and the publications must be printed out-

TRAVELING WITH HEADQUARTERS In The Field

By Sam Darcy

When a Capitalist Journalist Bites a Dog.

When "Bridges Is Reported Dying" it takes the front page, 8 column, 126 point type in all San Francisco papers (May 26) but "Bridges Life Chance Good" gets 30 point in a hidden two inch article in the Chronicle and is left out completely in the Examiner (May 28)..... Chester Rowell & Co., are strongly suspected of kidnapping the Weyerhaeuser baby; and if anyone asks you for the reliable source of our information it is the same as the Chronicle's (May 28) that "Radicals Are Suspected"..... "Hitler's Sincerity Doubtful by Italy" says the N. Y. Times; (May 25) Nooooo! Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Imagine anybody doubting Hitler's sincerity! Tsk! Tsk! Tsk!..... When Hearst finds on occasional cheap mercenary willing to invent lies on order for a price against the Soviet Union—that's news and takes the front page in 26 daily newspapers; but when 5,000 people return every year from the U. S. S. R. with the truth, that's propaganda and gets ruled out..... Emile Gauvteu Editor N. Y. Daily Mirror (once selling tabloid) is not biting the dog which capitalist journalists says denies their news; he just wrote (Macaulay publishers) as fine and intelligent a book as a bourgeois writer could turn out, "What So Proudly We Hailed". It contrasts in a very sympathetic manner the United States and the Soviet Union, has 143 brilliant photographs! The price is too high—\$3.50; But demand your local library get it..... L. A. Sunday Times (May 26) Magazine section has 2 articles: One called "A Defense of Nazism" and the other "Red Ravage Is Throttling China"; at least we know where the Times stands; in fact we always knew.

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The Terrible Turk Didn't Arrive.

The first day of the Epic Convention a fight was in progress to allow 15 minutes to Congressman Shoemaker on the Farmer-Labor Party. A delegate arose:

"I move that we also give 15 minutes to Sam Darcy of the Communist Party."

"Albino," cried a section of the audience while the rest applauded. A nice old lady sitting on our left, who sensed as she joined in the albino turned to us exultantly:

"If I wasn't afraid of what he'd do I'd like to hear him speak. I wonder if he is armed. I wonder what he looks like."

She sat with great expectancy at the edge of her seat trying to see over the heads of all the others, from which entrance the Red Terror will burst through and assault the gathering.

But the Terrible Turk never arrived—or so it seemed. And the nice old lady evidenced her disappointment. We could do no less than express our sympathy.

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The Literary Digest Wants to Know.

"Please Wire Press Rate Collect About Fifty Words Editorial Comment on Roosevelt's Work Relief Pay Rates."

telegrapher Arthur S. Deane, editor of Literary Digest. Of course the language that welled up in our breast was entirely unacceptable to the telegraph company. So we sent a politely worded statement as follows:

"The average low pay rate for unskilled labor in California cities has been 50c per hour. Those working, earning this already low scale will have to go to rural areas where most of the work relief projects will be located and work for as low as 22c per hour. Even the highly skilled technical workers will get about 34c. These amounts represent in many cases reductions even in present relief schedules. It is a step toward penance. There is only one answer possible. Workers standards of living before was raised only by organized militant strikes and mass movements. Unless the rates are changed all workers concerned must prepare for a new strike movement on relief jobs."

When you come right down to it the Literary Digest doesn't care a hang for the expert opinion of the WESTERN WORKER editors. But they want to know what we are doing all workers to do. And they are afraid you'll do it. Which would be a very good idea.

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The Epic News Has the Honor of a Reply.

Two weeks ago the Epic News scorned the Communists for seeking a United Front against Fascism. "Imagine the nerve," said an Epic News article in effect, "of the wee Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, England or Belgium, seeking a united front with the powerful Socialist-Democratic Parties of these countries. The European 'Socialists' leaders had been making the same argument."

But this week came the answer. And if these wisecrackers don't learn from it, their doom is sealed.

The combined "Socialist" Czechoslovakian parties had 59 seats in the Chamber of Deputies. Their scornful attitude towards the Communists was due to the fact that they had only 30 seats. But in the present elections the "socialist" parties lost 11 seats and now have only 48; while the Communists gained gained 115,000 votes although through typical bourgeois election laws we only kept the 30 seats without increase.

While the "socialist" parties lost so heavily the capitalists have regrouped their votes in a united front behind the Fascists, who were therefore the heaviest gainers.

Even with the losses, a United Front of the "Socialist" and Communist parties would be the strongest block. Had the United Front been accepted before the election there is no doubt that it would have resulted in building working class self-confidence, and would have given greatly increased strength to the Parties participating.

But the "socialist" leaders are too concerned with their careers with the Capitalist class to see that, and too many of the rank and file workers follow these leaders without being able to see the correct road.

Shall it be so in the United States? Or will you get your fellow workers behind the proposals of the Communist Party.

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Maybe We Exaggerate Its Significance.

Was it an accident that the Epic convention opened with a heart-rendering rendition of the old song "Asleep in the Deep"? And has it any meaning that the dominant performance put on to entertain the delegates was a piece by Sinclair called "The Jungle"? Of course we aren't superstitious!

side the state.

If you don't know what to send them, send your money to the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market Street, Room 4103 San Francisco, and they will use it to the best advantage. Numbers of the comrades in jail, both here and in Tehachapi, have been printed in previous issues of the Western Worker.

Rhode Island Silk Mills Close Down

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, June 3.—In anticipation of wage cuts which will cut the cost of production, silk mills in this state have almost shut down, throwing thousands out of work.